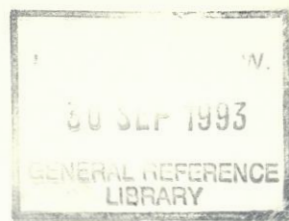




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## **PREFACE**

This publication contains results from the 1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities. The survey was conducted from October to December 1990 and collected information from households about the level and sources of income and housing costs and amenities, together with labour force and other social and demographic data.

The data in this publication relate to the level and distribution of gross weekly income for income units. An income unit approximates a spending unit in a household, such as a married couple income unit, or a one-person income unit.

Gross weekly income is income usually received over a one week period at the time of interview. It is the sum of income from all sources, such as wages or salary, own business, superannuation, interest, rent, dividends and government pensions and benefits.

Information on the concepts and methods used in the survey, definitions, interpretation and reliability of results is contained in Appendixes A to C. Details of the publication and data dissemination program associated with this survey are contained in Appendix D.

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## SELECTED FINDINGS

### Introduction

An income unit is a group of people who live together and form a single spending unit. Non-dependent children living with their parents are classed as one-person income units. In this publication, income units are classified as: (i) married couple income units (includes couples in de facto relationships), i.e. husband, wife and dependent children (if any); (ii) one-parent income units, i.e. a parent and at least one dependent child; and (iii) one-person income units, i.e. any income unit not included in (i) or (ii).

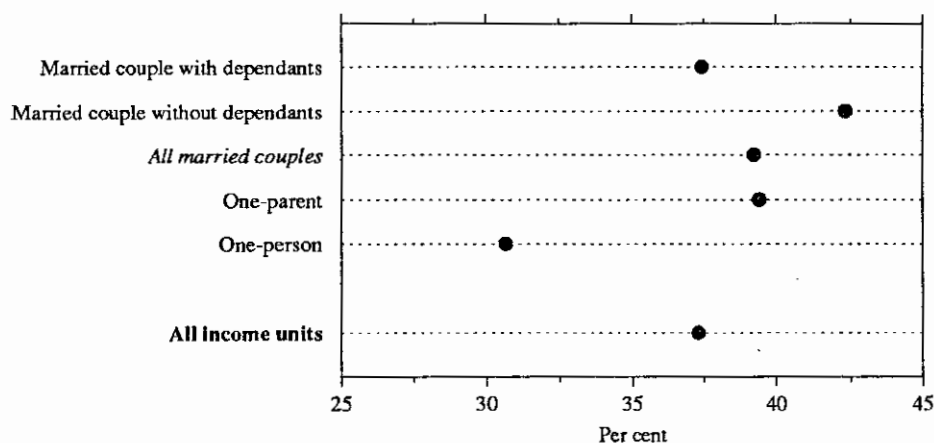
### All income units (Tables 1 to 9)

In 1990, the number of income units in Australia with weekly income was 7,986,800. Just over half (51%) were married couple income units, 5 per cent were one-parent income units and the remainder (44%) were one-person income units.

The mean weekly income for all income units was \$563. Married couple income units had the highest mean weekly income at \$773, compared with \$350 for one-parent income units and \$345 for one-person income units.

When compared with the previous survey of income conducted in 1986, the mean weekly income for all income units increased by 37 per cent (see Graph 1 below). For married couple income units the increase was 39 per cent, one-parent units also rose by 39 per cent and one-person units by 31 per cent.

GRAPH 1. PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MEAN WEEKLY INCOME BY TYPE OF INCOME UNIT  
AUSTRALIA, 1986 TO 1990



Source: Table 4 and 1986 Income Distribution Survey, Income Units, Australia (6523.0)

For all income units the mean weekly income of the highest quintile group (top 20%) was \$1,302 compared with \$134 for the lowest quintile group (bottom 20%). Income units in the highest quintile group mainly comprised married couple units with both partners receiving an earned income. In contrast, 83 per cent of income units in the lowest quintile did not receive any earned income.

The percentage of all income units which were home owners was 33 per cent, with a further 23 per cent purchasing their home, 34 per cent renting and 10 per cent living rent-free. Income units in the lowest quintile had much the same level of home ownership as in the highest income quintile (34%), although the proportion purchasing their home (6%) was significantly less than in the highest quintile (47%). Persons aged 65 and over had the highest level of home ownership (72%).

The following sections cover in more detail the three main types of income unit.

### Married couple income units (Tables 10 to 17)

There were 4,064,200 married couple income units and just over half (51%) had dependent children.

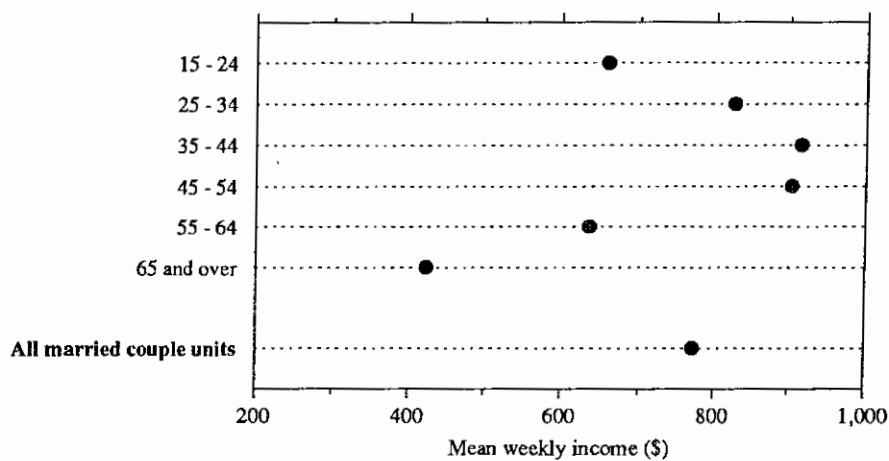


The mean weekly income for all married couple income units was \$773. For those in the lowest quintile the mean weekly income was \$240, compared with \$1,575 for those in the highest quintile. Of married couples in the lowest quintile, 75 per cent had no dependent children and 80 per cent had no earners. The majority of these were couples with the reference person aged 65 and over. By comparison, 57 per cent of couples in the highest quintile had at least one dependent child and 83 per cent had two earners. Seventy one per cent of married couples in the lowest income quintile reported government pensions and benefits as the principal source of income.

The age of the reference person, the presence of dependants, the number of earners, and principal source of income all influence the level of income for married couple income units.

Married couples with the reference person aged 65 and over had the lowest mean weekly income (\$423), while those aged 35 to 44, and those aged 45 to 54, had the highest (\$916 and \$904 respectively) (see Graph 2 below).

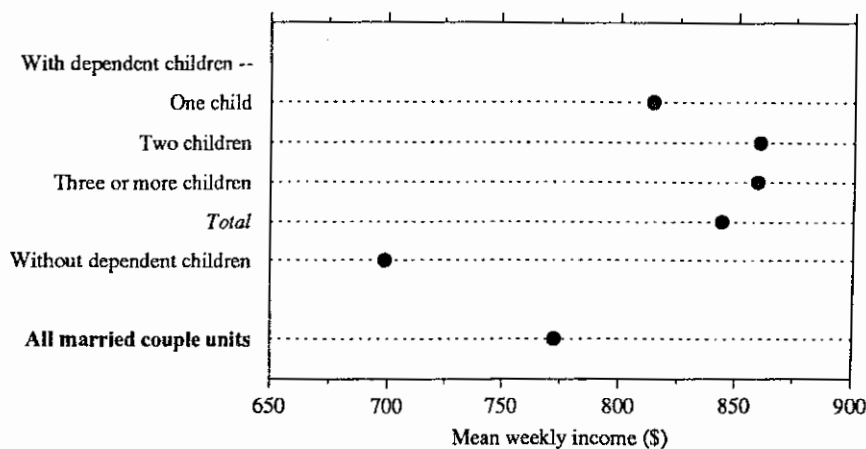
**GRAPH 2. MEAN WEEKLY INCOME OF MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS BY AGE OF REFERENCE PERSON  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1990**



Source: Table 14

The mean weekly income for married couples with dependants was \$844, significantly higher than the corresponding figure for those with no dependants (\$699) (see Graph 3 below). The highest mean weekly income for couples with dependants was received by those with two dependent children (\$860). A high proportion of these units (57%) contained two earners.

**GRAPH 3. MEAN WEEKLY INCOME OF MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS BY NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1990**



Source: Table 13

Just under one quarter (23%) of married couple income units had no earners, while 30 per cent had one earner and 47 per cent had two earners. The mean weekly income for units with no earners was \$335, compared with \$672 for those with one earner and \$1,054 for those with two earners. Of the units with no earners, 73 per cent relied on government pensions and benefits as the principal source of income.

Wages or salary was the principal source of income for 64 per cent of married couple units, and their mean weekly income was \$896. Government pensions and benefits was the principal source of income for 18 per cent of married couple income units. These units had a mean weekly income of \$285. More than half (56%) of these units contained a reference person aged 65 and over and no dependent children.

#### One-parent income units (Tables 18 to 23)

There were 385,700 one-parent income units and 52 per cent had one dependent child and 48 per cent had two or more dependent children.

The mean weekly income for all one-parent income units was \$350. For one-parent units in the lowest quintile the mean weekly income was \$161, compared with \$683 for those in the highest quintile. Of parents in the lowest quintile, 89 per cent relied on government pensions and benefits as the principal source of income. By comparison, 85 per cent of parents in the highest quintile reported wages or salary as the principal source of income.

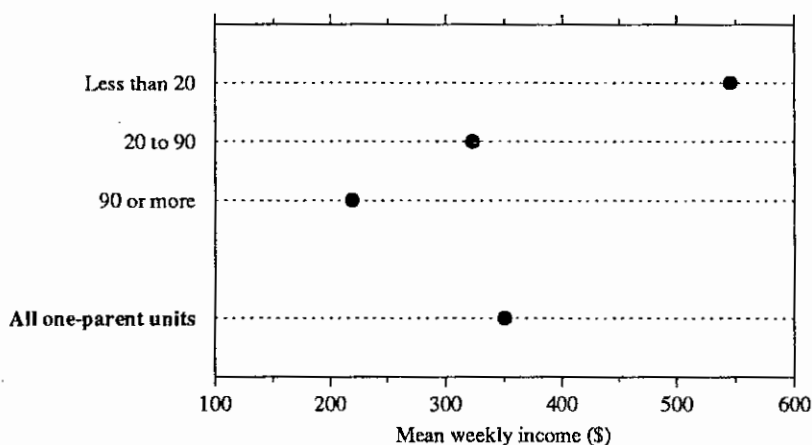
The level of income of one-parent units varied according to sex, age and the principal source of income.

The vast majority (88%) of one-parent units contained a female parent. Female parent units received a lower mean weekly income than male parent units (\$335 compared with \$457). Female parents were more likely to rely on government pensions and benefits as the principal source of income (64% of female parents compared with 44% of male parents).

One-parent income units with the parent aged from 15 to 24 had a mean weekly income of \$243, compared with \$363 for units with parents aged 25 to 44, and \$381 for parents aged 45 and over.

Sixty one per cent of one-parent units had government pensions and benefits as the principal source of income. Their mean weekly income of \$240 was considerably lower than for parents who had wages or salary as the principal source of income (\$523). Graph 4 below shows the mean weekly income and level of reliance on government pensions and benefits for one-parent income units.

**GRAPH 4. MEAN WEEKLY INCOME OF ONE-PARENT INCOME UNITS BY PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT PENSIONS AND BENEFITS TO TOTAL INCOME AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1990**



Source: Table 23

#### One-person income units (Tables 24 to 29)

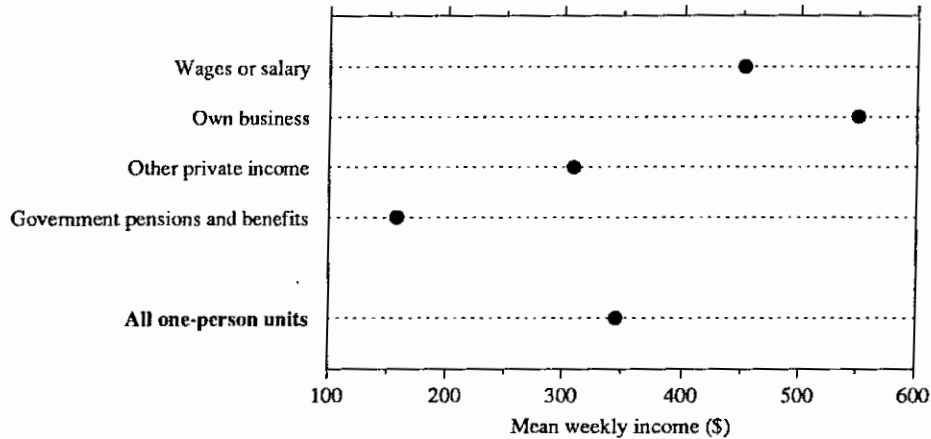
One-person income units include people who live alone, or with a group of unrelated individuals, or with an income unit to whose members they are related. They include non-dependent children living with their parents.

There were 3,536,900 such income units with about an equal distribution of male and female one-person income units.

The mean weekly income for all one-person income units was \$345. For units in the lowest quintile the mean weekly income was \$108, compared with \$744 for units in the highest quintile. The lowest and second lowest quintiles both had a very high proportion of income units with government pensions and benefits as the principal source of income (71% and 77% respectively).

A third of one-person income units reported government pensions and benefits as the principal source of income. The mean weekly income for those income units was \$158 (see Graph 5 below). The majority of these (51%) were aged 65 and over.

**GRAPH 5. ONE-PERSON INCOME UNITS: MEAN WEEKLY INCOME  
BY PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1990**



Source: Table 27

In contrast, the 55 per cent of one-person income units who had wages or salary as the principal source of income had a mean weekly income of \$452. Approximately 53 per cent of income units in this category were aged 15 to 24.

Over a third (36%) of one-person income units were persons aged 15 to 24 and 21 per cent were aged 65 and over. Of persons in the 15 to 24 age group, 80 per cent reported wages or salary as the principal source of income. For 82 per cent of persons aged 65 and over the principal source of income was government pensions and benefits. The majority (77%) of one-person units aged 65 and over were female.

TABLE 1. ALL INCOME UNITS: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY GROSS WEEKLY INCOME QUINTILE GROUP  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Characteristics of income units                                              | Gross weekly income quintile |         |         |         |         | All income units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
|                                                                              | Lowest                       | Second  | Third   | Fourth  | Highest |                  |
| — Dollars per week —                                                         |                              |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Upper boundary of quintile group                                             | 200                          | 349     | 529     | 844     | n.a.    | n.a.             |
| Mean income                                                                  | 134                          | 274     | 436     | 672     | 1,302   | 563              |
| Median income                                                                | 148                          | 271     | 434     | 665     | 1,143   | 434              |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                 |                              |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Principal source of gross income:                                            |                              |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Wages or salary                                                              | 12.0                         | 34.6    | 78.2    | 83.8    | 82.9    | 58.3             |
| Own business, trade or profession                                            | 2.4                          | 4.6     | 6.3     | 9.1     | 10.6    | 6.6              |
| Other private income                                                         | 13.3                         | 8.4     | 8.1     | 6.1     | 6.5     | 8.5              |
| Government pensions and benefits                                             | 72.3                         | 52.3    | 7.3     | 1.0     | * 0.0   | 26.6             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0            |
| Type of income unit:                                                         |                              |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Married couple—                                                              |                              |         |         |         |         |                  |
| With dependent children                                                      | 4.2                          | 10.3    | 20.7    | 40.4    | 53.4    | 25.8             |
| Without dependent children                                                   | 6.1                          | 34.2    | 21.3    | 26.4    | 37.8    | 25.1             |
| All married couples                                                          | 10.3                         | 44.5    | 42.0    | 66.8    | 91.2    | 50.9             |
| One-parent                                                                   | 4.5                          | 11.1    | 4.8     | 3.1     | 0.6     | 4.8              |
| One-person                                                                   | 85.1                         | 44.4    | 53.2    | 30.1    | 8.2     | 44.3             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0            |
| Number of earners:                                                           |                              |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Nil                                                                          | 83.1                         | 56.8    | 12.7    | 5.4     | 2.2     | 32.1             |
| One                                                                          | 16.2                         | 40.9    | 80.6    | 60.4    | 23.0    | 44.2             |
| Two                                                                          | 0.6                          | 2.4     | 6.7     | 34.3    | 74.8    | 23.7             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0            |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                              |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 24.4                         | 38.8    | 67.6    | 57.5    | 67.6    | 51.2             |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 1.4                          | 4.6     | 19.5    | 38.7    | 31.8    | 19.2             |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 2.0                          | 4.6     | 5.9     | 2.9     | 0.6     | 3.2              |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | 14.8                         | 20.0    | 4.0     | 0.6     | * 0.0   | 7.9              |
| 90 and over                                                                  | 57.5                         | 32.0    | 2.9     | * 0.3   | —       | 18.6             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0            |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                              |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Owners                                                                       | 34.0                         | 38.8    | 26.1    | 30.0    | 33.9    | 32.5             |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 5.8                          | 8.5     | 17.9    | 33.8    | 46.7    | 22.5             |
| Renters — government                                                         | 8.0                          | 7.5     | 3.6     | 2.3     | 1.0     | 4.5              |
| — private                                                                    | 13.2                         | 15.2    | 19.9    | 18.2    | 11.6    | 15.6             |
| — resident relative                                                          | 12.7                         | 14.2    | 15.7    | 5.3     | 0.5     | 9.7              |
| — other                                                                      | 4.3                          | 3.3     | 4.8     | 4.4     | 3.3     | 4.0              |
| Total renters                                                                | 38.1                         | 40.1    | 44.0    | 30.2    | 16.5    | 33.8             |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 19.5                         | 11.2    | 10.9    | 5.2     | 2.4     | 9.9              |
| Total (a)                                                                    | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0            |
| — '000 —                                                                     |                              |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Estimated number of income units in:                                         |                              |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Capital city                                                                 | 1,002.6                      | 940.9   | 1,040.7 | 1,055.5 | 1,131.8 | 5,171.5          |
| Rest of State                                                                | 610.2                        | 642.4   | 556.8   | 541.2   | 464.7   | 2,815.3          |
| Total                                                                        | 1,612.8                      | 1,583.3 | 1,597.5 | 1,596.7 | 1,596.5 | 7,986.8          |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 2. ALL INCOME UNITS: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY NET WEEKLY INCOME(a) QUINTILE GROUP  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 1990

| Characteristics of income units                                            | Net weekly income quintile |         |         |         |         | All income units |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
|                                                                            | Lowest                     | Second  | Third   | Fourth  | Highest |                  |
| — Dollars per week —                                                       |                            |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Upper boundary of quintile group                                           | 189                        | 312     | 436     | 655     | n.a.    | n.a.             |
| Mean net income                                                            | 133                        | 258     | 376     | 542     | 947     | 451              |
| Median net income                                                          | 148                        | 259     | 376     | 537     | 857     | 375              |
| — Per cent of income units —                                               |                            |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Principal source of gross income:                                          |                            |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Wages or salary                                                            | 13.9                       | 39.8    | 74.0    | 81.5    | 82.5    | 58.3             |
| Own business, trade or profession                                          | 2.5                        | 4.5     | 6.0     | 9.4     | 10.7    | 6.6              |
| Other private income                                                       | 13.4                       | 7.9     | 7.7     | 6.8     | 6.7     | 8.5              |
| Government pensions and benefits                                           | 70.3                       | 47.8    | 12.4    | 2.2     | * 0.1   | 26.6             |
| Total                                                                      | 100.0                      | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0            |
| Type of income unit:                                                       |                            |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Married couple—                                                            |                            |         |         |         |         |                  |
| With dependent children                                                    | 4.0                        | 7.8     | 19.2    | 43.6    | 54.5    | 25.8             |
| Without dependent children                                                 | 5.8                        | 30.0    | 23.8    | 26.5    | 39.8    | 25.1             |
| All married couples                                                        | 9.8                        | 37.8    | 43.0    | 70.1    | 94.2    | 50.9             |
| One-parent                                                                 | 3.9                        | 10.7    | 5.4     | 3.7     | 0.5     | 4.8              |
| One-person                                                                 | 86.3                       | 51.5    | 51.6    | 26.2    | 5.2     | 44.3             |
| Total                                                                      | 100.0                      | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0            |
| Number of earners:                                                         |                            |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Nil                                                                        | 81.3                       | 52.1    | 17.2    | 6.9     | 2.5     | 32.1             |
| One                                                                        | 18.2                       | 45.7    | 77.7    | 61.6    | 17.9    | 44.2             |
| Two                                                                        | 0.6                        | 2.1     | 5.2     | 31.5    | 79.5    | 23.7             |
| Total                                                                      | 100.0                      | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0            |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to net income: |                            |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Nil and less than 1                                                        | 26.5                       | 44.8    | 65.8    | 53.0    | 60.4    | 50.0             |
| 1 and less than 20                                                         | 1.3                        | 3.8     | 16.4    | 40.1    | 38.4    | 20.0             |
| 20 and less than 50                                                        | 2.0                        | 3.4     | 5.4     | 4.5     | 1.0     | 3.3              |
| 50 and less than 90                                                        | 14.0                       | 17.8    | 6.9     | 1.5     | * 0.2   | 8.1              |
| 90 and over                                                                | 56.3                       | 30.2    | 5.6     | 0.8     | —       | 18.6             |
| Total                                                                      | 100.0                      | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0            |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                               |                            |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Owners                                                                     | 33.1                       | 36.2    | 27.1    | 31.7    | 34.6    | 32.5             |
| Purchasers                                                                 | 5.8                        | 7.6     | 18.5    | 34.2    | 46.6    | 22.5             |
| Renters — government                                                       | 7.8                        | 6.8     | 4.0     | 2.6     | 1.1     | 4.5              |
| — private                                                                  | 13.0                       | 15.9    | 20.1    | 17.9    | 11.2    | 15.6             |
| — resident relative                                                        | 13.4                       | 16.3    | 14.5    | 3.6     | 0.6     | 9.7              |
| — other                                                                    | 4.4                        | 3.8     | 4.4     | 4.3     | 3.2     | 4.0              |
| Total renters                                                              | 38.6                       | 42.8    | 43.1    | 28.5    | 16.0    | 33.8             |
| Rent-free                                                                  | 19.9                       | 12.2    | 10.2    | 4.7     | 2.3     | 9.9              |
| Total (b)                                                                  | 100.0                      | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0            |
| — '000 —                                                                   |                            |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Estimated number of income units in:                                       |                            |         |         |         |         |                  |
| Capital city                                                               | 1,006.6                    | 950.7   | 1,053.5 | 1,034.3 | 1,126.5 | 5,171.5          |
| Rest of State                                                              | 609.2                      | 633.3   | 545.8   | 559.2   | 467.8   | 2,815.3          |
| Total                                                                      | 1,615.7                    | 1,584.0 | 1,599.2 | 1,593.5 | 1,594.3 | 7,986.8          |

(a) Income after tax has been deducted. (b) Includes income units whose nature of occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 3. ALL INCOME UNITS: INCOME SHARE BY TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND GROSS WEEKLY INCOME QUINTILE GROUP  
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| Type of income unit                                    | Gross weekly income quintile |        |       |        |         | All income units | Gini coefficient |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|---------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                        | Lowest                       | Second | Third | Fourth | Highest |                  |                  |
| — Income share (per cent) —                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                  |                  |
| Married couple—                                        |                              |        |       |        |         |                  |                  |
| With dependent children and reference person aged —    |                              |        |       |        |         |                  |                  |
| 15 — 24                                                | 8.4                          | 13.1   | 17.8  | 26.1   | 34.6    | 100.0            | 0.28             |
| 25 — 34                                                | 8.4                          | 14.3   | 18.3  | 23.4   | 35.6    | 100.0            | 0.27             |
| 35 — 44                                                | 7.4                          | 13.6   | 18.3  | 23.3   | 37.5    | 100.0            | 0.30             |
| 45 — 54                                                | 7.2                          | 12.5   | 17.3  | 23.5   | 39.5    | 100.0            | 0.33             |
| 55 and over                                            | 6.5                          | 11.0   | 14.9  | 23.0   | 44.6    | 100.0            | 0.38             |
| Total                                                  | 7.4                          | 13.1   | 17.9  | 23.5   | 38.1    | 100.0            | 0.31             |
| Without dependent children and reference person aged — |                              |        |       |        |         |                  |                  |
| 15 — 24                                                | 7.9                          | 15.3   | 20.4  | 24.7   | 31.8    | 100.0            | 0.24             |
| 25 — 34                                                | 8.8                          | 15.7   | 19.3  | 23.7   | 32.5    | 100.0            | 0.24             |
| 35 — 44                                                | 6.2                          | 13.3   | 18.3  | 23.9   | 38.3    | 100.0            | 0.32             |
| 45 — 54                                                | 6.2                          | 12.2   | 17.0  | 23.3   | 41.3    | 100.0            | 0.35             |
| 55 — 64                                                | 6.4                          | 10.3   | 15.4  | 23.2   | 44.7    | 100.0            | 0.39             |
| 65 and over                                            | 10.3                         | 12.1   | 14.7  | 18.1   | 44.8    | 100.0            | 0.34             |
| Total                                                  | 6.3                          | 9.7    | 15.7  | 24.5   | 43.8    | 100.0            | 0.34             |
| All married couples                                    | 6.2                          | 11.4   | 17.4  | 24.1   | 40.8    | 100.0            | 0.35             |
| One-parent                                             | 9.3                          | 13.2   | 15.8  | 22.8   | 38.9    | 100.0            | 0.30             |
| One-person                                             | 6.4                          | 9.7    | 16.2  | 24.8   | 42.8    | 100.0            | 0.38             |
| All income units                                       | 4.8                          | 9.7    | 15.5  | 23.9   | 46.2    | 100.0            | 0.42             |
| — Mean weekly income (\$) —                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                  |                  |
| Married couple—                                        |                              |        |       |        |         |                  |                  |
| With dependent children and reference person aged —    |                              |        |       |        |         |                  |                  |
| 15 — 24                                                | 211                          | 328    | 454   | 640    | 893     | 504              | ..               |
| 25 — 34                                                | 312                          | 532    | 685   | 873    | 1,325   | 745              | ..               |
| 35 — 44                                                | 332                          | 617    | 825   | 1,057  | 1,689   | 903              | ..               |
| 45 — 54                                                | 337                          | 584    | 810   | 1,085  | 1,858   | 934              | ..               |
| 55 and over                                            | 216                          | 357    | 504   | 769    | 1,500   | 666              | ..               |
| Total                                                  | 310                          | 556    | 757   | 991    | 1,612   | 844              | ..               |
| Without dependent children and reference person aged — |                              |        |       |        |         |                  |                  |
| 15 — 24                                                | 289                          | 554    | 736   | 916    | 1,159   | 731              | ..               |
| 25 — 34                                                | 434                          | 772    | 963   | 1,169  | 1,613   | 989              | ..               |
| 35 — 44                                                | 306                          | 645    | 913   | 1,187  | 1,881   | 985              | ..               |
| 45 — 54                                                | 269                          | 532    | 737   | 1,014  | 1,806   | 871              | ..               |
| 55 — 64                                                | 197                          | 332    | 484   | 722    | 1,413   | 628              | ..               |
| 65 and over                                            | 209                          | 267    | 306   | 388    | 949     | 423              | ..               |
| Total                                                  | 217                          | 341    | 551   | 857    | 1,530   | 699              | ..               |
| All married couples                                    | 240                          | 443    | 673   | 934    | 1,575   | 773              | ..               |
| One-parent                                             | 161                          | 226    | 282   | 403    | 683     | 350              | ..               |
| One-person                                             | 108                          | 171    | 281   | 427    | 744     | 345              | ..               |
| All income units                                       | 134                          | 274    | 436   | 672    | 1,302   | 563              | ..               |

TABLE 4. ALL INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY TYPE OF INCOME UNIT  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics<br>of income units                      | Type of income unit           |                                  |                        |                              |            | All<br>income<br>units |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
|                                                                                 | Married couple                |                                  | All married<br>couples | One-parent                   | One-person |                        |
|                                                                                 | With<br>dependent<br>children | Without<br>dependent<br>children |                        |                              |            |                        |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                        |                               |                                  |                        | — '000 —                     |            |                        |
| 1 — 99                                                                          | 40.3                          | 33.7                             | 74.0                   | 9.4                          | 202.4      | 285.8                  |
| 100 — 199                                                                       | 27.4                          | 62.4                             | 89.8                   | 62.3                         | 1,151.7    | 1,303.8                |
| 200 — 299                                                                       | 79.1                          | 383.6                            | 462.6                  | 141.2                        | 488.8      | 1,092.6                |
| 300 — 399                                                                       | 154.5                         | 267.8                            | 422.3                  | 54.6                         | 486.0      | 963.0                  |
| 400 — 499                                                                       | 196.7                         | 180.9                            | 377.6                  | 45.3                         | 476.1      | 899.0                  |
| 500 — 599                                                                       | 210.5                         | 149.8                            | 360.3                  | 33.1                         | 290.6      | 684.1                  |
| 600 — 699                                                                       | 201.8                         | 125.6                            | 327.4                  | 17.2                         | 183.1      | 527.7                  |
| 700 — 799                                                                       | 204.1                         | 138.9                            | 343.0                  | 10.3                         | 99.3       | 452.6                  |
| 800 — 899                                                                       | 198.8                         | 113.3                            | 312.1                  | 4.9                          | 51.8       | 368.8                  |
| 900 — 999                                                                       | 146.8                         | 106.3                            | 253.1                  | * 1.3                        | 31.0       | 285.5                  |
| 1000 — 1099                                                                     | 130.1                         | 93.6                             | 223.7                  | * 2.1                        | 17.1       | 243.0                  |
| 1100 — 1199                                                                     | 106.8                         | 70.6                             | 177.4                  | * 0.2                        | 13.8       | 191.4                  |
| 1200 — 1299                                                                     | 84.3                          | 69.3                             | 153.5                  | * 0.3                        | 10.0       | 163.7                  |
| 1300 — 1399                                                                     | 62.3                          | 48.7                             | 111.0                  | * 2.4                        | 7.2        | 120.6                  |
| 1400 — 1499                                                                     | 57.5                          | 30.8                             | 88.3                   | —                            | * 4.7      | 93.0                   |
| 1500 and over                                                                   | 157.4                         | 130.4                            | 287.8                  | * 1.1                        | 23.3       | 312.2                  |
| Total                                                                           | 2,058.4                       | 2,005.7                          | 4,064.2                | 385.7                        | 3,536.9    | 7,986.8                |
|                                                                                 |                               |                                  |                        | — Dollars per week —         |            |                        |
| Mean income                                                                     | 844                           | 699                              | 773                    | 350                          | 345        | 563                    |
| Median income                                                                   | 755                           | 543                              | 673                    | 278                          | 280        | 434                    |
|                                                                                 |                               |                                  |                        | — Per cent of income units — |            |                        |
| Principal source of gross income:                                               |                               |                                  |                        |                              |            |                        |
| Wages or salary                                                                 | 76.5                          | 50.3                             | 63.6                   | 32.3                         | 55.0       | 58.3                   |
| Own business, trade or profession                                               | 11.9                          | 8.2                              | 10.1                   | 1.9                          | 3.1        | 6.6                    |
| Other private income                                                            | 3.2                           | 13.8                             | 8.5                    | 4.6                          | 9.0        | 8.5                    |
| Government pensions and benefits                                                | 8.4                           | 27.7                             | 17.9                   | 61.3                         | 32.9       | 26.6                   |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                         | 100.0                            | 100.0                  | 100.0                        | 100.0      | 100.0                  |
| Number of earners:                                                              |                               |                                  |                        |                              |            |                        |
| Nil                                                                             | 8.8                           | 37.7                             | 23.0                   | 55.6                         | 39.9       | 32.1                   |
| One                                                                             | 37.4                          | 23.1                             | 30.3                   | 44.4                         | 60.1       | 44.2                   |
| Two                                                                             | 53.8                          | 39.3                             | 46.6                   | ..                           | ..         | 23.7                   |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                         | 100.0                            | 100.0                  | 100.0                        | 100.0      | 100.0                  |
| Percentage contribution of government<br>pensions and benefits to gross income: |                               |                                  |                        |                              |            |                        |
| Nil and less than 1                                                             | 23.7                          | 64.9                             | 44.0                   | 9.9                          | 63.9       | 51.2                   |
| 1 and less than 20                                                              | 64.8                          | 3.7                              | 34.6                   | 21.7                         | 1.2        | 19.2                   |
| 20 and less than 50                                                             | 3.3                           | 4.0                              | 3.7                    | 8.0                          | 2.1        | 3.2                    |
| 50 and less than 90                                                             | 1.7                           | 11.8                             | 6.7                    | 18.5                         | 8.1        | 7.9                    |
| 90 and over                                                                     | 6.6                           | 15.6                             | 11.0                   | 42.0                         | 24.7       | 18.6                   |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                         | 100.0                            | 100.0                  | 100.0                        | 100.0      | 100.0                  |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                    |                               |                                  |                        |                              |            |                        |
| Owners                                                                          | 30.1                          | 56.7                             | 43.2                   | 14.3                         | 22.3       | 32.5                   |
| Purchasers                                                                      | 47.8                          | 22.6                             | 35.3                   | 21.4                         | 7.9        | 22.5                   |
| Renters — government                                                            | 4.2                           | 2.8                              | 3.5                    | 22.3                         | 3.7        | 4.5                    |
| — private                                                                       | 11.7                          | 11.7                             | 11.7                   | 23.8                         | 19.2       | 15.6                   |
| — resident relative                                                             | 0.4                           | 0.5                              | 0.4                    | 6.7                          | 20.7       | 9.7                    |
| — other                                                                         | 3.0                           | 1.9                              | 2.4                    | 3.9                          | 5.8        | 4.0                    |
| Total renters                                                                   | 19.2                          | 16.8                             | 18.0                   | 56.7                         | 49.4       | 33.8                   |
| Rent-free                                                                       | 2.4                           | 2.9                              | 2.6                    | 6.5                          | 18.5       | 9.9                    |
| Total(a)                                                                        | 100.0                         | 100.0                            | 100.0                  | 100.0                        | 100.0      | 100.0                  |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 5. ALL INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY AGE OF REFERENCE PERSON, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Age of reference person |         |         |         |         |             | All income units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|------------------|
|                                                                              | 15 - 24                 | 25 - 34 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65 and over |                  |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     | — '000 —                |         |         |         |         |             |                  |
| 1 — 99                                                                       | 121.0                   | 47.5    | 36.5    | 23.1    | 32.0    | 25.7        | 285.8            |
| 100 — 199                                                                    | 262.4                   | 130.2   | 85.6    | 100.0   | 191.4   | 534.3       | 1,303.8          |
| 200 — 299                                                                    | 291.4                   | 108.3   | 98.2    | 80.6    | 136.2   | 377.9       | 1,092.6          |
| 300 — 399                                                                    | 303.9                   | 170.8   | 112.3   | 90.0    | 105.7   | 180.3       | 963.0            |
| 400 — 499                                                                    | 240.5                   | 236.5   | 140.8   | 110.7   | 99.6    | 71.0        | 899.0            |
| 500 — 599                                                                    | 114.3                   | 210.8   | 151.6   | 92.0    | 72.9    | 42.4        | 684.1            |
| 600 — 699                                                                    | 55.4                    | 166.8   | 132.2   | 102.0   | 55.8    | 15.4        | 527.7            |
| 700 — 799                                                                    | 30.9                    | 132.5   | 131.8   | 86.1    | 46.2    | 25.1        | 452.6            |
| 800 — 899                                                                    | 20.1                    | 109.6   | 124.0   | 68.4    | 38.3    | 8.4         | 368.8            |
| 900 — 999                                                                    | 17.1                    | 84.7    | 95.7    | 61.7    | 20.4    | 5.9         | 285.5            |
| 1000 — 1099                                                                  | 12.3                    | 76.3    | 79.5    | 44.8    | 23.7    | 6.2         | 243.0            |
| 1100 — 1199                                                                  | 4.9                     | 51.6    | 72.0    | 39.9    | 16.1    | 7.0         | 191.4            |
| 1200 — 1299                                                                  | * 2.8                   | 49.9    | 56.5    | 37.1    | 13.2    | * 4.2       | 163.7            |
| 1300 — 1399                                                                  | * 1.9                   | 33.1    | 44.9    | 26.0    | 10.2    | * 4.5       | 120.6            |
| 1400 — 1499                                                                  | * 0.3                   | 19.8    | 35.7    | 24.6    | 8.5     | * 4.1       | 93.0             |
| 1500 and over                                                                | * 1.9                   | 57.6    | 112.0   | 88.8    | 36.6    | 15.3        | 312.2            |
| Total                                                                        | 1,481.1                 | 1,686.1 | 1,509.4 | 1,075.8 | 906.7   | 1,327.7     | 7,986.8          |
| — Dollars per week —                                                         |                         |         |         |         |         |             |                  |
| Mean income                                                                  | 344                     | 650     | 786     | 762     | 525     | 307         | 563              |
| Median income                                                                | 321                     | 565     | 696     | 635     | 388     | 239         | 434              |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                 |                         |         |         |         |         |             |                  |
| Principal source of gross income:                                            |                         |         |         |         |         |             |                  |
| Wages or salary                                                              | 77.4                    | 75.9    | 73.0    | 68.9    | 39.2    | 2.2         | 58.3             |
| Own business, trade or profession                                            | 2.0                     | 7.2     | 10.0    | 11.3    | 8.8     | 1.7         | 6.6              |
| Other private income                                                         | 4.2                     | 2.9     | 4.3     | 6.8     | 18.5    | 19.7        | 8.5              |
| Government pensions and benefits                                             | 16.4                    | 14.0    | 12.7    | 13.0    | 33.5    | 76.4        | 26.6             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0            |
| Type of income unit:                                                         |                         |         |         |         |         |             |                  |
| Married couple—                                                              |                         |         |         |         |         |             |                  |
| With dependent children                                                      | 3.1                     | 35.5    | 61.0    | 37.7    | 8.7     | 0.6         | 25.8             |
| Without dependent children                                                   | 6.7                     | 17.6    | 10.6    | 33.5    | 55.9    | 43.9        | 25.1             |
| All married couples                                                          | 9.8                     | 53.1    | 71.6    | 71.2    | 64.6    | 44.5        | 50.9             |
| One-parent                                                                   | 3.5                     | 7.5     | 10.0    | 4.2     | 1.0     | * 0.2       | 4.8              |
| One-person                                                                   | 86.7                    | 39.4    | 18.4    | 24.6    | 34.4    | 55.2        | 44.3             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0            |
| Number of earners:                                                           |                         |         |         |         |         |             |                  |
| Nil                                                                          | 18.8                    | 14.8    | 13.4    | 16.3    | 46.2    | 93.4        | 32.1             |
| One                                                                          | 75.8                    | 55.3    | 42.2    | 41.9    | 35.3    | 4.8         | 44.2             |
| Two                                                                          | 5.4                     | 29.9    | 44.4    | 41.8    | 18.5    | 1.8         | 23.7             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0            |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                         |         |         |         |         |             |                  |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 79.5                    | 55.5    | 38.5    | 63.6    | 56.7    | 14.5        | 51.2             |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 2.6                     | 28.1    | 45.4    | 21.7    | 6.5     | 3.2         | 19.2             |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 1.5                     | 2.4     | 3.5     | 1.7     | 3.6     | 6.4         | 3.2              |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | 2.4                     | 3.0     | 2.9     | 2.4     | 10.1    | 28.9        | 7.9              |
| 90 and over                                                                  | 14.1                    | 10.9    | 9.6     | 10.6    | 23.2    | 46.9        | 18.6             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0            |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                         |         |         |         |         |             |                  |
| Owners                                                                       | 0.7                     | 7.7     | 25.8    | 47.2    | 67.0    | 71.9        | 32.5             |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 3.6                     | 34.8    | 45.1    | 28.8    | 11.6    | 4.8         | 22.5             |
| Renters — government                                                         | 1.9                     | 4.8     | 4.9     | 4.3     | 5.1     | 6.1         | 4.5              |
| — private                                                                    | 22.9                    | 27.2    | 14.2    | 10.1    | 7.0     | 4.6         | 15.6             |
| — resident relative                                                          | 35.1                    | 9.8     | 2.0     | 1.6     | 1.3     | 2.1         | 9.7              |
| — other                                                                      | 7.0                     | 6.3     | 2.9     | 2.8     | 1.4     | 1.8         | 4.0              |
| Total renters                                                                | 67.0                    | 48.3    | 24.0    | 18.8    | 14.8    | 14.6        | 33.8             |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 27.7                    | 8.1     | 3.9     | 3.3     | 4.8     | 7.6         | 9.9              |
| Total(a)                                                                     | 100.0                   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0            |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.



TABLE 6. ALL INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Principal source of income |              |         |                      |         |                                  | All income units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                                              | Private income             |              |         | Other private income | Total   | Government pensions and benefits |                  |
|                                                                              | Earned income              |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                  |
|                                                                              | Wages or salary            | Own business | Total   |                      |         |                                  |                  |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     | — '000 —                   |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                  |
| 1 — 99                                                                       | 35.8                       | 10.4         | 46.2    | 144.3                | 190.5   | 95.3                             | 285.8            |
| 100 — 199                                                                    | 147.2                      | 27.9         | 175.1   | 67.5                 | 242.6   | 1,061.2                          | 1,303.8          |
| 200 — 299                                                                    | 313.5                      | 50.1         | 363.7   | 88.0                 | 451.7   | 640.9                            | 1,092.6          |
| 300 — 399                                                                    | 563.8                      | 49.3         | 613.0   | 84.3                 | 697.3   | 265.7                            | 963.0            |
| 400 — 499                                                                    | 718.5                      | 60.3         | 778.7   | 74.7                 | 853.5   | 45.6                             | 899.0            |
| 500 — 599                                                                    | 567.5                      | 54.1         | 621.6   | 50.2                 | 671.8   | 12.2                             | 684.1            |
| 600 — 699                                                                    | 452.4                      | 44.6         | 497.0   | 27.2                 | 524.2   | * 3.4                            | 527.7            |
| 700 — 799                                                                    | 369.3                      | 47.4         | 416.7   | 32.1                 | 448.8   | * 3.8                            | 452.6            |
| 800 — 899                                                                    | 323.8                      | 32.1         | 355.9   | 12.6                 | 368.5   | * 0.4                            | 368.8            |
| 900 — 999                                                                    | 249.1                      | 26.8         | 275.9   | 9.6                  | 285.5   | —                                | 285.5            |
| 1000 — 1099                                                                  | 214.6                      | 19.1         | 233.7   | 9.3                  | 243.0   | —                                | 243.0            |
| 1100 — 1199                                                                  | 164.6                      | 16.5         | 181.1   | 10.3                 | 191.4   | —                                | 191.4            |
| 1200 — 1299                                                                  | 139.0                      | 17.4         | 156.5   | 7.3                  | 163.7   | —                                | 163.7            |
| 1300 — 1399                                                                  | 104.1                      | 10.6         | 114.7   | 5.9                  | 120.6   | —                                | 120.6            |
| 1400 — 1499                                                                  | 76.1                       | 10.7         | 86.9    | 6.1                  | 93.0    | —                                | 93.0             |
| 1500 and over                                                                | 213.3                      | 49.7         | 263.0   | 49.2                 | 312.2   | —                                | 312.2            |
| Total                                                                        | 4,652.8                    | 527.0        | 5,179.8 | 678.5                | 5,858.3 | 2,128.5                          | 7,986.8          |
| — Dollars per week —                                                         |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                  |
| Mean income                                                                  | 701                        | 786          | 709     | 552                  | 691     | 210                              | 563              |
| Median income                                                                | 592                        | 621          | 595     | 343                  | 568     | 186                              | 434              |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                 |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                  |
| Type of income unit:                                                         |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                  |
| Married couple—                                                              |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                  |
| With dependent children                                                      | 33.8                       | 46.4         | 35.1    | 9.8                  | 32.2    | 8.1                              | 25.8             |
| Without dependent children                                                   | 21.7                       | 31.3         | 22.7    | 40.9                 | 24.8    | 26.1                             | 25.1             |
| All married couples                                                          | 55.5                       | 77.8         | 57.8    | 50.7                 | 57.0    | 34.2                             | 50.9             |
| One-parent                                                                   | 2.7                        | 1.4          | 2.5     | 2.6                  | 2.6     | 11.1                             | 4.8              |
| One-person                                                                   | 41.8                       | 20.8         | 39.7    | 46.7                 | 40.5    | 54.7                             | 44.3             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0            |
| Number of earners:                                                           |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                  |
| Nil                                                                          | ..                         | ..           | ..      | 81.5                 | 9.4     | 94.5                             | 32.1             |
| One                                                                          | 66.4                       | 45.9         | 64.3    | 12.6                 | 58.3    | 5.3                              | 44.2             |
| Two                                                                          | 33.6                       | 54.1         | 35.7    | 5.9                  | 32.3    | 0.3                              | 23.7             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0            |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                  |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 70.2                       | 62.2         | 69.4    | 72.3                 | 69.7    | ..                               | 51.2             |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 27.4                       | 34.0         | 28.1    | 11.5                 | 26.2    | ..                               | 19.2             |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 2.3                        | 3.8          | 2.5     | 16.1                 | 4.1     | 0.7                              | 3.2              |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | ..                         | ..           | ..      | ..                   | ..      | 29.6                             | 7.9              |
| 90 and over                                                                  | ..                         | ..           | ..      | ..                   | ..      | 69.7                             | 18.6             |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0            |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                  |
| Owners                                                                       | 20.8                       | 45.4         | 23.3    | 66.1                 | 28.3    | 44.3                             | 32.5             |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 30.3                       | 31.6         | 30.5    | 9.3                  | 28.0    | 7.4                              | 22.5             |
| Renters — government                                                         | 2.2                        | 1.0          | 2.1     | 0.7                  | 2.0     | 11.4                             | 4.5              |
| — private                                                                    | 18.5                       | 10.0         | 17.6    | 7.2                  | 16.4    | 13.3                             | 15.6             |
| — resident relative                                                          | 12.3                       | 3.9          | 11.4    | 2.6                  | 10.4    | 7.7                              | 9.7              |
| — other                                                                      | 5.0                        | 1.0          | 4.6     | 1.9                  | 4.3     | 3.3                              | 4.0              |
| Total renters                                                                | 38.1                       | 15.9         | 35.8    | 12.4                 | 33.1    | 35.7                             | 33.8             |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 9.9                        | 6.3          | 9.5     | 11.3                 | 9.7     | 10.2                             | 9.9              |
| Total(a)                                                                     | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0            |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 7. ALL INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY NUMBER OF EARNERS  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics<br>of income units                      | Number of earners                    |         |             |         |            |             | All<br>income<br>units |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|------------------------|
|                                                                                 | No earners and reference person aged |         |             | Total   | One earner | Two earners |                        |
|                                                                                 | 15 - 44                              | 45 - 64 | 65 and over |         |            |             |                        |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                        | — '000 —                             |         |             |         |            |             |                        |
| 1 — 99                                                                          | 165.0                                | 45.9    | 24.2        | 235.1   | 50.0       | * 0.8       | 285.8                  |
| 100 — 199                                                                       | 302.4                                | 263.6   | 528.3       | 1,094.4 | 200.2      | 9.3         | 1,303.8                |
| 200 — 299                                                                       | 163.6                                | 154.6   | 370.2       | 688.5   | 382.8      | 21.3        | 1,092.6                |
| 300 — 399                                                                       | 76.3                                 | 67.1    | 168.8       | 312.2   | 618.5      | 32.3        | 963.0                  |
| 400 — 499                                                                       | 12.3                                 | 24.5    | 58.2        | 95.0    | 741.0      | 63.0        | 899.0                  |
| 500 — 599                                                                       | 6.2                                  | 14.0    | 30.5        | 50.6    | 530.3      | 103.1       | 684.1                  |
| 600 — 699                                                                       | * 1.7                                | 7.9     | 13.1        | 22.8    | 346.4      | 158.6       | 527.7                  |
| 700 — 799                                                                       | * 0.2                                | 6.2     | 18.7        | 25.1    | 224.9      | 202.6       | 452.6                  |
| 800 — 899                                                                       | * 0.3                                | * 2.4   | * 4.1       | 6.7     | 132.1      | 230.1       | 368.8                  |
| 900 — 999                                                                       | —                                    | * 1.9   | * 3.5       | 5.3     | 74.5       | 205.7       | 285.5                  |
| 1000 — 1099                                                                     | —                                    | —       | 4.9         | 4.9     | 49.4       | 188.6       | 243.0                  |
| 1100 — 1199                                                                     | * 0.7                                | —       | * 4.2       | * 4.8   | 39.3       | 147.3       | 191.4                  |
| 1200 — 1299                                                                     | —                                    | * 0.9   | * 2.8       | * 3.8   | 34.9       | 125.1       | 163.7                  |
| 1300 — 1399                                                                     | * 0.5                                | * 1.1   | * 0.8       | * 2.4   | 22.1       | 96.0        | 120.6                  |
| 1400 — 1499                                                                     | —                                    | —       | * 1.1       | * 1.1   | 18.7       | 73.1        | 93.0                   |
| 1500 and over                                                                   | * 0.8                                | * 4.2   | 6.2         | 11.2    | 62.3       | 238.7       | 312.2                  |
| Total                                                                           | 730.1                                | 594.2   | 1,239.6     | 2,563.9 | 3,527.4    | 1,895.6     | 7,986.8                |
| — Dollars per week —                                                            |                                      |         |             |         |            |             |                        |
| Mean income                                                                     | 175                                  | 250     | 273         | 240     | 534        | 1,054       | 563                    |
| Median income                                                                   | 151                                  | 192     | 223         | 193     | 464        | 961         | 434                    |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                    |                                      |         |             |         |            |             |                        |
| Principal source of gross income:                                               |                                      |         |             |         |            |             |                        |
| Wages or salary                                                                 | ..                                   | ..      | ..          | ..      | 87.6       | 82.5        | 58.3                   |
| Own business, trade or profession                                               | ..                                   | ..      | ..          | ..      | 6.9        | 15.0        | 6.6                    |
| Other private income                                                            | 18.3                                 | 30.0    | 19.5        | 21.6    | 2.4        | 2.1         | 8.5                    |
| Government pensions and benefits                                                | 81.7                                 | 70.0    | 80.5        | 78.4    | 3.2        | 0.3         | 26.6                   |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                                | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0      | 100.0       | 100.0                  |
| Type of income unit:                                                            |                                      |         |             |         |            |             |                        |
| Married couple—                                                                 |                                      |         |             |         |            |             |                        |
| With dependent children                                                         | 17.3                                 | 8.3     | 0.5         | 7.1     | 21.8       | 58.5        | 25.8                   |
| Without dependent children                                                      | 3.4                                  | 35.8    | 41.7        | 29.5    | 13.1       | 41.5        | 25.1                   |
| All married couples                                                             | 20.7                                 | 44.1    | 42.2        | 36.5    | 34.9       | 100.0       | 50.9                   |
| One-parent                                                                      | 25.4                                 | 4.4     | * 0.2       | 8.4     | 4.9        | ..          | 4.8                    |
| One-person                                                                      | 53.9                                 | 51.5    | 57.5        | 55.1    | 60.2       | ..          | 44.3                   |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                                | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0      | 100.0       | 100.0                  |
| Percentage contribution of government<br>pensions and benefits to gross income: |                                      |         |             |         |            |             |                        |
| Nil and less than 1                                                             | 15.7                                 | 22.7    | 11.3        | 15.2    | 73.3       | 58.6        | 51.2                   |
| 1 and less than 20                                                              | 1.0                                  | 3.0     | 2.5         | 2.2     | 20.3       | 40.2        | 19.2                   |
| 20 and less than 50                                                             | 1.6                                  | 4.5     | 5.9         | 4.4     | 3.5        | 1.0         | 3.2                    |
| 50 and less than 90                                                             | 8.6                                  | 15.7    | 30.0        | 20.6    | 2.8        | * 0.2       | 7.9                    |
| 90 and over                                                                     | 73.0                                 | 54.1    | 50.2        | 57.6    | 0.2        | * 0.0       | 18.6                   |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                                | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0      | 100.0       | 100.0                  |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                    |                                      |         |             |         |            |             |                        |
| Owners                                                                          | 6.9                                  | 57.6    | 71.2        | 49.7    | 19.7       | 33.1        | 32.5                   |
| Purchasers                                                                      | 8.9                                  | 9.0     | 4.6         | 6.8     | 20.4       | 47.7        | 22.5                   |
| Renters — government                                                            | 13.4                                 | 9.8     | 6.5         | 9.2     | 2.5        | 1.7         | 4.5                    |
| — private                                                                       | 26.1                                 | 9.1     | 4.7         | 11.8    | 20.4       | 11.7        | 15.6                   |
| — resident relative                                                             | 17.3                                 | 3.0     | 2.2         | 6.7     | 16.9       | 0.4         | 9.7                    |
| — other                                                                         | 6.0                                  | 2.0     | 1.8         | 3.0     | 5.5        | 2.6         | 4.0                    |
| Total renters                                                                   | 62.7                                 | 23.8    | 15.3        | 30.8    | 45.3       | 16.4        | 33.8                   |
| Rent-free                                                                       | 18.4                                 | 6.7     | 7.8         | 10.5    | 13.5       | 2.1         | 9.9                    |
| Total(a)                                                                        | 100.0                                | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0   | 100.0      | 100.0       | 100.0                  |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 8. ALL INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY PERCENTAGE  
CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT PENSIONS AND BENEFITS TO TOTAL INCOME  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics<br>of income units | Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to total income |                    |                     |             | All<br>income<br>units |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|
|                                                            | Nil and less than 1                                                         | 1 and less than 20 | 20 and less than 90 | 90 and over |                        |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                   | — '000 —                                                                    |                    |                     |             |                        |
| 1 — 99                                                     | 175.2                                                                       | * 4.2              | 27.2                | 79.3        | 285.8                  |
| 100 — 199                                                  | 204.7                                                                       | 18.6               | 238.8               | 841.7       | 1,303.8                |
| 200 — 299                                                  | 372.3                                                                       | 36.3               | 256.0               | 427.9       | 1,092.6                |
| 300 — 399                                                  | 562.6                                                                       | 86.9               | 198.4               | 115.1       | 963.0                  |
| 400 — 499                                                  | 605.9                                                                       | 194.6              | 83.9                | 14.7        | 899.0                  |
| 500 — 599                                                  | 428.1                                                                       | 210.4              | 40.8                | * 4.7       | 684.1                  |
| 600 — 699                                                  | 316.2                                                                       | 194.9              | 15.8                | * 0.7       | 527.7                  |
| 700 — 799                                                  | 247.1                                                                       | 194.1              | 11.4                | —           | 452.6                  |
| 800 — 899                                                  | 182.8                                                                       | 181.0              | 5.1                 | —           | 368.8                  |
| 900 — 999                                                  | 154.1                                                                       | 130.5              | * 0.9               | —           | 285.5                  |
| 1000 — 1099                                                | 124.9                                                                       | 117.0              | * 1.0               | —           | 243.0                  |
| 1100 — 1199                                                | 137.2                                                                       | 53.3               | * 0.9               | —           | 191.4                  |
| 1200 — 1299                                                | 130.2                                                                       | 32.3               | * 1.2               | —           | 163.7                  |
| 1300 — 1399                                                | 93.4                                                                        | 26.7               | * 0.5               | —           | 120.6                  |
| 1400 — 1499                                                | 71.2                                                                        | 21.3               | * 0.5               | —           | 93.0                   |
| 1500 and over                                              | 279.6                                                                       | 31.6               | * 1.0               | —           | 312.2                  |
| Total                                                      | 4,085.6                                                                     | 1,533.6            | 883.5               | 1,484.1     | 7,986.8                |
|                                                            | — Dollars per week —                                                        |                    |                     |             |                        |
| Mean income                                                | 686                                                                         | 747                | 299                 | 190         | 563                    |
| Median income                                              | 518                                                                         | 710                | 279                 | 162         | 434                    |
|                                                            | — Per cent of income units —                                                |                    |                     |             |                        |
| Principal source of gross income:                          |                                                                             |                    |                     |             |                        |
| Wages or salary                                            | 80.0                                                                        | 83.2               | 12.4                | ..          | 58.3                   |
| Own business, trade or profession                          | 8.0                                                                         | 11.7               | 2.3                 | ..          | 6.6                    |
| Other private income                                       | 12.0                                                                        | 5.1                | 12.4                | ..          | 8.5                    |
| Government pensions and benefits                           | ..                                                                          | ..                 | 72.9                | 100.0       | 26.6                   |
| Total                                                      | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0              | 100.0               | 100.0       | 100.0                  |
| Type of income unit:                                       |                                                                             |                    |                     |             |                        |
| Married couple—                                            |                                                                             |                    |                     |             |                        |
| With dependent children                                    | 11.9                                                                        | 87.0               | 11.6                | 9.1         | 25.8                   |
| Without dependent children                                 | 31.8                                                                        | 4.9                | 35.9                | 21.1        | 25.1                   |
| All married couples                                        | 43.8                                                                        | 91.8               | 47.5                | 30.2        | 50.9                   |
| One-parent                                                 | 0.9                                                                         | 5.5                | 11.5                | 10.9        | 4.8                    |
| One-person                                                 | 55.3                                                                        | 2.7                | 41.0                | 58.9        | 44.3                   |
| Total                                                      | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0              | 100.0               | 100.0       | 100.0                  |
| Number of earners:                                         |                                                                             |                    |                     |             |                        |
| Nil                                                        | 9.6                                                                         | 3.7                | 72.4                | 99.5        | 32.1                   |
| One                                                        | 63.2                                                                        | 46.6               | 25.0                | 0.5         | 44.2                   |
| Two                                                        | 27.2                                                                        | 49.6               | 2.6                 | * 0.0       | 23.7                   |
| Total                                                      | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0              | 100.0               | 100.0       | 100.0                  |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                               |                                                                             |                    |                     |             |                        |
| Owners                                                     | 26.7                                                                        | 29.5               | 59.8                | 35.5        | 32.5                   |
| Purchasers                                                 | 21.0                                                                        | 48.3               | 11.0                | 7.0         | 22.5                   |
| Renters — government                                       | 1.1                                                                         | 3.7                | 5.4                 | 14.1        | 4.5                    |
| — private                                                  | 18.5                                                                        | 11.2               | 10.8                | 15.1        | 15.6                   |
| — resident relative                                        | 14.6                                                                        | 0.6                | 2.6                 | 9.7         | 9.7                    |
| — other                                                    | 4.7                                                                         | 3.4                | 1.9                 | 4.0         | 4.0                    |
| Total renters                                              | 38.9                                                                        | 18.9               | 20.7                | 42.9        | 33.8                   |
| Rent-free                                                  | 12.4                                                                        | 2.7                | 7.4                 | 11.6        | 9.9                    |
| Total(a)                                                   | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0              | 100.0               | 100.0       | 100.0                  |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 9. ALL INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY NATURE OF HOUSING OCCUPANCY, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Nature of housing occupancy |            |            |         |                              |       |         | Rent-free | All income units (a) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---------|------------------------------|-------|---------|-----------|----------------------|
|                                                                              | Owners                      | Purchasers | Government | Renters |                              |       | Total   |           |                      |
|                                                                              |                             |            |            | Private | Resident relative            | Other |         |           |                      |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     |                             |            |            |         | — '000 —                     |       |         |           |                      |
| 1 — 99                                                                       | 64.7                        | 35.9       | * 3.4      | 37.1    | 25.5                         | 11.5  | 77.4    | 100.4     | 285.8                |
| 100 — 199                                                                    | 475.3                       | 58.0       | 123.3      | 172.0   | 175.6                        | 56.2  | 527.2   | 210.3     | 1,303.8              |
| 200 — 299                                                                    | 442.4                       | 80.9       | 97.3       | 149.1   | 142.3                        | 37.8  | 426.4   | 126.5     | 1,092.6              |
| 300 — 399                                                                    | 294.8                       | 113.1      | 41.6       | 190.2   | 170.1                        | 36.6  | 438.5   | 105.0     | 963.0                |
| 400 — 499                                                                    | 233.2                       | 168.8      | 32.1       | 174.0   | 137.7                        | 46.5  | 390.2   | 96.4      | 899.0                |
| 500 — 599                                                                    | 189.9                       | 180.0      | 23.0       | 135.4   | 62.8                         | 32.7  | 253.9   | 56.4      | 684.1                |
| 600 — 699                                                                    | 158.2                       | 171.5      | 9.0        | 99.3    | 28.0                         | 24.8  | 161.1   | 32.0      | 527.7                |
| 700 — 799                                                                    | 149.4                       | 169.5      | 8.7        | 72.6    | 16.7                         | 14.3  | 112.3   | 17.6      | 452.6                |
| 800 — 899                                                                    | 104.4                       | 164.3      | 6.8        | 59.6    | 8.8                          | 12.4  | 87.6    | 9.5       | 368.8                |
| 900 — 999                                                                    | 80.1                        | 132.0      | 5.6        | 43.1    | * 0.3                        | 14.6  | 63.7    | 6.0       | 285.5                |
| 1000 — 1099                                                                  | 67.5                        | 122.4      | * 2.8      | 32.3    | * 2.2                        | 7.4   | 44.6    | 7.0       | 243.0                |
| 1100 — 1199                                                                  | 64.1                        | 91.5       | * 1.3      | 20.1    | * 0.6                        | 7.5   | 29.5    | 5.4       | 191.4                |
| 1200 — 1299                                                                  | 57.4                        | 72.7       | * 0.8      | 21.2    | * 1.2                        | 5.9   | 29.0    | * 3.5     | 163.7                |
| 1300 — 1399                                                                  | 42.8                        | 61.3       | * 0.3      | 7.5     | —                            | 5.4   | 13.1    | * 2.8     | 120.6                |
| 1400 — 1499                                                                  | 38.2                        | 44.4       | * 0.6      | * 4.4   | * 0.5                        | * 3.1 | 8.6     | * 1.7     | 93.0                 |
| 1500 and over                                                                | 136.7                       | 133.0      | * 1.8      | 28.3    | * 1.6                        | * 4.1 | 35.8    | 6.2       | 312.2                |
| Total                                                                        | 2,599.0                     | 1,799.2    | 358.2      | 1,246.1 | 773.9                        | 320.7 | 2,698.9 | 786.8     | 7,986.8              |
|                                                                              |                             |            |            |         | — Dollars per week —         |       |         |           |                      |
| Mean income                                                                  | 581                         | 830        | 329        | 520     | 339                          | 512   | 442     | 332       | 563                  |
| Median income                                                                | 408                         | 751        | 248        | 436     | 325                          | 450   | 371     | 257       | 434                  |
|                                                                              |                             |            |            |         | — Per cent of income units — |       |         |           |                      |
| Principal source of gross income:                                            |                             |            |            |         |                              |       |         |           |                      |
| Wages or salary                                                              | 37.2                        | 78.5       | 29.1       | 69.1    | 73.9                         | 72.5  | 65.6    | 58.6      | 58.3                 |
| Own business, trade or profession                                            | 9.2                         | 9.2        | 1.5        | 4.2     | 2.6                          | 1.6   | 3.1     | 4.2       | 6.6                  |
| Other private income                                                         | 17.3                        | 3.5        | 1.4        | 3.9     | 2.3                          | 4.0   | 3.1     | 9.7       | 8.5                  |
| Government pensions and benefits                                             | 36.3                        | 8.8        | 67.9       | 22.7    | 21.2                         | 21.8  | 28.2    | 27.5      | 26.6                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                       | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0   | 100.0                        | 100.0 | 100.0   | 100.0     | 100.0                |
| Type of income unit:                                                         |                             |            |            |         |                              |       |         |           |                      |
| Married couple—                                                              |                             |            |            |         |                              |       |         |           |                      |
| With dependent children                                                      | 23.8                        | 54.7       | 24.2       | 19.3    | 1.0                          | 19.1  | 14.7    | 6.2       | 25.8                 |
| Without dependent children                                                   | 43.8                        | 25.2       | 15.5       | 18.8    | 1.2                          | 11.9  | 12.5    | 7.5       | 25.1                 |
| All married couples                                                          | 67.6                        | 79.8       | 39.7       | 38.0    | 2.2                          | 31.0  | 27.1    | 13.7      | 50.9                 |
| One-parent                                                                   | 2.1                         | 4.6        | 24.0       | 7.4     | 3.4                          | 4.6   | 8.1     | 3.2       | 4.8                  |
| One-person                                                                   | 30.3                        | 15.6       | 36.3       | 54.6    | 94.4                         | 64.3  | 64.8    | 83.2      | 44.3                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                       | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0   | 100.0                        | 100.0 | 100.0   | 100.0     | 100.0                |
| Number of earners:                                                           |                             |            |            |         |                              |       |         |           |                      |
| Nil                                                                          | 49.1                        | 9.7        | 66.1       | 24.3    | 22.2                         | 24.4  | 29.3    | 34.4      | 32.1                 |
| One                                                                          | 26.8                        | 40.1       | 24.8       | 57.9    | 76.9                         | 60.0  | 59.2    | 60.5      | 44.2                 |
| Two                                                                          | 24.2                        | 50.2       | 9.1        | 17.8    | 0.9                          | 15.6  | 11.5    | 5.1       | 23.7                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                       | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0   | 100.0                        | 100.0 | 100.0   | 100.0     | 100.0                |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                             |            |            |         |                              |       |         |           |                      |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 42.0                        | 47.6       | 12.5       | 60.5    | 77.1                         | 60.1  | 58.9    | 64.4      | 51.2                 |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 17.4                        | 41.2       | 15.9       | 13.8    | 1.2                          | 16.1  | 10.8    | 5.3       | 19.2                 |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 4.7                         | 2.5        | 3.7        | 3.0     | * 0.4                        | 2.1   | 2.3     | 2.7       | 3.2                  |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | 15.6                        | 2.9        | 9.6        | 4.6     | 2.5                          | 3.3   | 4.5     | 5.6       | 7.9                  |
| 90 and over                                                                  | 20.3                        | 5.8        | 58.3       | 18.0    | 18.7                         | 18.5  | 23.6    | 21.9      | 18.6                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                       | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0   | 100.0                        | 100.0 | 100.0   | 100.0     | 100.0                |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 10. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY GROSS WEEKLY INCOME QUINTILE GROUP, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Characteristics of income units                                              | Gross weekly income quintile |        |       |        |         | All married couple units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|---------|--------------------------|
|                                                                              | Lowest                       | Second | Third | Fourth | Highest |                          |
| — Dollars per week —                                                         |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| Upper boundary of quintile group                                             | 336                          | 551    | 793   | 1,102  | n.a.    | n.a.                     |
| Mean income                                                                  | 240                          | 443    | 673   | 934    | 1,575   | 773                      |
| Median income                                                                | 260                          | 444    | 674   | 926    | 1,371   | 673                      |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                 |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| Principal source of gross income:                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| Wages or salary                                                              | 9.3                          | 59.9   | 80.3  | 88.5   | 80.2    | 63.6                     |
| Own business, trade or profession                                            | 7.5                          | 10.6   | 12.0  | 8.8    | 11.6    | 10.1                     |
| Other private income                                                         | 12.2                         | 12.8   | 6.4   | 2.6    | 8.3     | 8.5                      |
| Government pensions and benefits                                             | 71.1                         | 16.7   | 1.3   | * 0.0  | —       | 17.9                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                    |
| Type of income unit:                                                         |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| With dependent children —                                                    |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| 1 child                                                                      | 10.8                         | 15.4   | 21.3  | 19.3   | 17.0    | 16.8                     |
| 2 children                                                                   | 9.1                          | 20.1   | 23.7  | 26.5   | 26.1    | 21.1                     |
| 3 or more children                                                           | 5.3                          | 14.2   | 16.0  | 14.3   | 14.2    | 12.8                     |
| Total                                                                        | 25.2                         | 49.7   | 61.0  | 60.2   | 57.3    | 50.6                     |
| Without dependent children and reference person aged —                       |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| 15 — 44                                                                      | 5.1                          | 8.9    | 12.2  | 21.2   | 20.9    | 13.7                     |
| 45 — 64                                                                      | 25.5                         | 24.5   | 21.6  | 16.8   | 18.3    | 21.3                     |
| 65 and over                                                                  | 44.2                         | 16.8   | 5.2   | 1.9    | 3.5     | 14.4                     |
| Total                                                                        | 74.8                         | 50.3   | 39.0  | 39.8   | 42.7    | 49.4                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                    |
| Number of earners:                                                           |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| Nil                                                                          | 80.1                         | 26.1   | 5.5   | 1.2    | 2.0     | 23.0                     |
| One                                                                          | 14.7                         | 57.1   | 45.4  | 19.7   | 14.8    | 30.3                     |
| Two                                                                          | 5.2                          | 16.8   | 49.1  | 79.0   | 83.2    | 46.6                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                    |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 18.1                         | 35.5   | 40.7  | 46.1   | 79.7    | 44.0                     |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 6.4                          | 39.1   | 55.0  | 53.0   | 19.9    | 34.6                     |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 4.7                          | 9.2    | 3.2   | 0.9    | * 0.4   | 3.7                      |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | 23.7                         | 8.6    | 0.9   | * 0.0  | —       | 6.7                      |
| 90 and over                                                                  | 47.2                         | 7.6    | * 0.2 | —      | —       | 11.0                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                    |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| Owners                                                                       | 62.7                         | 46.9   | 38.1  | 29.4   | 38.8    | 43.2                     |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 13.6                         | 27.6   | 39.2  | 48.8   | 47.6    | 35.3                     |
| Renters — government                                                         | 6.8                          | 5.7    | 2.5   | 1.9    | * 0.5   | 3.5                      |
| — private                                                                    | 9.9                          | 12.9   | 14.0  | 13.7   | 7.9     | 11.7                     |
| — resident relative                                                          | 0.6                          | * 0.5  | 0.6   | * 0.3  | —       | 0.4                      |
| — other                                                                      | 1.2                          | 1.9    | 2.7   | 3.6    | 2.9     | 2.4                      |
| Total renters                                                                | 18.5                         | 21.0   | 19.8  | 19.5   | 11.3    | 18.0                     |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 3.9                          | 3.5    | 2.2   | 1.7    | 1.9     | 2.6                      |
| Total (a)                                                                    | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                    |
| — '000 —                                                                     |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| Estimated number of income units in:                                         |                              |        |       |        |         |                          |
| Capital city                                                                 | 459.3                        | 466.9  | 498.8 | 538.4  | 592.0   | 2,555.4                  |
| Rest of State                                                                | 357.5                        | 342.0  | 315.0 | 273.6  | 220.7   | 1,508.8                  |
| Total                                                                        | 816.8                        | 808.8  | 813.7 | 812.0  | 812.8   | 4,064.2                  |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 11. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME BY CAPITAL CITY/REST OF STATE  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income (\$)          | NSW     | Vic.    | Qld   | SA    | WA    | Tas.  | NT(a) | ACT(a) | Australia |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| CAPITAL CITY STATISTICAL DIVISION |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| — '000 —                          |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| 1 — 99                            | 13.6    | 9.3     | 6.5   | * 3.9 | 6.2   | * 0.7 | —     | * 0.6  | 40.7      |
| 100 — 199                         | 19.1    | 16.4    | 7.1   | * 4.0 | * 4.7 | * 1.7 | * 0.3 | * 0.7  | 54.0      |
| 200 — 299                         | 78.0    | 75.9    | 31.9  | 33.1  | 26.0  | 5.5   | * 2.7 | * 2.3  | 255.5     |
| 300 — 399                         | 79.2    | 69.6    | 32.0  | 23.8  | 27.1  | * 4.6 | * 1.5 | * 3.2  | 240.9     |
| 400 — 499                         | 75.7    | 60.4    | 28.1  | 26.3  | 20.4  | * 4.5 | * 2.7 | * 2.4  | 220.7     |
| 500 — 599                         | 60.9    | 55.0    | 34.0  | 19.9  | 28.1  | * 4.3 | * 1.2 | * 4.3  | 207.8     |
| 600 — 699                         | 54.7    | 67.4    | 26.6  | 22.4  | 23.6  | * 3.0 | * 2.1 | * 4.6  | 204.4     |
| 700 — 799                         | 74.6    | 59.6    | 23.0  | 23.2  | 24.3  | * 2.8 | * 0.7 | 5.5    | 213.8     |
| 800 — 899                         | 57.2    | 63.0    | 25.7  | 20.0  | 26.3  | * 3.7 | * 1.1 | * 3.6  | 200.7     |
| 900 — 999                         | 62.8    | 37.9    | 20.8  | 15.3  | 19.3  | * 2.5 | 5.6   | * 3.0  | 167.3     |
| 1000 — 1099                       | 48.1    | 41.3    | 17.1  | 17.1  | 20.5  | * 2.3 | * 2.4 | 4.9    | 153.7     |
| 1100 — 1199                       | 51.8    | 33.3    | 12.6  | 10.6  | 7.8   | * 1.5 | * 1.6 | 5.9    | 125.0     |
| 1200 — 1299                       | 47.2    | 29.4    | 9.3   | 6.7   | 7.3   | * 1.3 | * 2.1 | 5.7    | 108.9     |
| 1300 — 1399                       | 32.8    | 20.8    | 6.8   | 5.1   | 8.4   | * 0.7 | * 1.7 | * 1.8  | 78.1      |
| 1400 — 1499                       | 25.9    | 16.1    | 5.8   | * 3.3 | 7.0   | * 0.5 | * 2.0 | * 3.0  | 63.5      |
| 1500 and over                     | 83.1    | 64.8    | 22.8  | 18.0  | 20.3  | * 2.6 | * 2.0 | 6.8    | 220.4     |
| Total                             | 864.7   | 720.3   | 309.9 | 252.9 | 277.4 | 42.1  | 29.8  | 58.3   | 2,555.4   |
| — Dollars per week —              |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| Mean income                       | 852     | 819     | 770   | 769   | 797   | 701   | 929   | 1,006  | 820       |
| Median income                     | 769     | 707     | 653   | 668   | 706   | 592   | 960   | 968    | 724       |
| REST OF STATE                     |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| — '000 —                          |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| 1 — 99                            | 13.8    | 5.8     | 9.8   | * 2.1 | * 1.1 | * 0.8 | —     | —      | 33.3      |
| 100 — 199                         | 13.0    | * 4.5   | 9.5   | * 3.3 | * 4.3 | * 1.2 | —     | —      | 35.8      |
| 200 — 299                         | 70.5    | 39.1    | 51.7  | 17.0  | 16.9  | 11.9  | —     | —      | 207.2     |
| 300 — 399                         | 62.7    | 34.2    | 47.7  | 15.8  | 11.3  | 9.6   | —     | —      | 181.5     |
| 400 — 499                         | 57.5    | 32.8    | 35.5  | 13.8  | 8.6   | 8.7   | —     | —      | 156.9     |
| 500 — 599                         | 50.4    | 34.0    | 44.6  | 8.0   | 10.2  | 5.4   | —     | —      | 152.5     |
| 600 — 699                         | 39.4    | 24.4    | 33.3  | 6.8   | 11.5  | 7.6   | —     | —      | 123.0     |
| 700 — 799                         | 46.6    | 31.9    | 29.9  | 7.6   | 8.1   | 5.0   | —     | —      | 129.2     |
| 800 — 899                         | 35.9    | 24.6    | 30.9  | 8.1   | 8.3   | * 3.6 | —     | —      | 111.4     |
| 900 — 999                         | 27.3    | 21.4    | 22.9  | * 4.7 | 5.8   | * 3.8 | —     | —      | 85.9      |
| 1000 — 1099                       | 29.0    | 11.7    | 17.5  | * 2.0 | 6.6   | * 3.3 | —     | —      | 70.0      |
| 1100 — 1199                       | 21.8    | 10.9    | 10.6  | * 2.5 | 4.9   | * 1.7 | —     | —      | 52.4      |
| 1200 — 1299                       | 17.2    | 11.6    | 9.8   | * 1.7 | * 2.3 | * 2.0 | —     | —      | 44.7      |
| 1300 — 1399                       | 14.7    | 8.1     | 5.5   | * 0.9 | * 2.4 | * 1.4 | —     | —      | 33.0      |
| 1400 — 1499                       | 10.4    | * 3.1   | 5.7   | * 1.0 | * 3.6 | * 0.9 | —     | —      | 24.8      |
| 1500 and over                     | 25.9    | 12.7    | 17.3  | * 2.8 | 6.3   | * 2.5 | —     | —      | 67.4      |
| Total                             | 535.9   | 310.9   | 382.3 | 98.0  | 112.3 | 69.4  | —     | —      | 1,508.8   |
| — Dollars per week —              |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| Mean income                       | 702     | 704     | 686   | 601   | 726   | 662   | —     | —      | 692       |
| Median income                     | 599     | 614     | 579   | 478   | 638   | 546   | —     | —      | 590       |
| TOTAL                             |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| — '000 —                          |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| 1 — 99                            | 27.4    | 15.1    | 16.2  | 6.0   | 7.2   | * 1.5 | —     | * 0.6  | 74.0      |
| 100 — 199                         | 32.1    | 20.9    | 16.5  | 7.3   | 9.0   | * 2.9 | * 0.3 | * 0.7  | 89.8      |
| 200 — 299                         | 148.5   | 115.1   | 83.6  | 50.1  | 42.9  | 17.4  | * 2.7 | * 2.3  | 462.6     |
| 300 — 399                         | 141.9   | 103.8   | 79.7  | 39.6  | 38.5  | 14.2  | * 1.5 | * 3.2  | 422.3     |
| 400 — 499                         | 133.2   | 93.2    | 63.7  | 40.2  | 28.9  | 13.2  | * 2.7 | * 2.4  | 377.6     |
| 500 — 599                         | 111.3   | 89.0    | 78.6  | 27.9  | 38.3  | 9.7   | * 1.2 | * 4.3  | 360.3     |
| 600 — 699                         | 94.0    | 91.8    | 59.8  | 29.3  | 35.1  | 10.6  | * 2.1 | * 4.6  | 327.4     |
| 700 — 799                         | 121.2   | 91.5    | 53.0  | 30.8  | 32.4  | 7.9   | * 0.7 | 5.5    | 343.0     |
| 800 — 899                         | 93.1    | 87.6    | 56.6  | 28.2  | 34.6  | 7.2   | * 1.1 | * 3.6  | 312.1     |
| 900 — 999                         | 90.1    | 59.3    | 43.7  | 20.0  | 25.1  | 6.2   | 5.6   | * 3.0  | 253.1     |
| 1000 — 1099                       | 77.1    | 53.0    | 34.5  | 19.1  | 27.2  | 5.6   | * 2.4 | 4.9    | 223.7     |
| 1100 — 1199                       | 73.6    | 44.2    | 23.2  | 13.0  | 12.7  | * 3.2 | * 1.6 | 5.9    | 177.4     |
| 1200 — 1299                       | 64.4    | 41.1    | 19.1  | 8.4   | 9.6   | * 3.3 | * 2.1 | 5.7    | 153.5     |
| 1300 — 1399                       | 47.4    | 28.9    | 12.2  | 6.0   | 10.8  | * 2.2 | * 1.7 | * 1.8  | 111.0     |
| 1400 — 1499                       | 36.3    | 19.2    | 11.5  | * 4.4 | 10.6  | * 1.4 | * 2.0 | * 3.0  | 88.3      |
| 1500 and over                     | 108.9   | 77.5    | 40.1  | 20.8  | 26.6  | 5.1   | * 2.0 | 6.8    | 287.8     |
| Total                             | 1,400.6 | 1,031.1 | 692.2 | 350.9 | 389.7 | 111.5 | 29.8  | 58.3   | 4,064.2   |
| — Dollars per week —              |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| Mean income                       | 794     | 784     | 724   | 723   | 776   | 677   | 929   | 1,006  | 773       |
| Median income                     | 709     | 684     | 609   | 612   | 683   | 566   | 960   | 968    | 673       |

(a) Separate numbers for capital city/rest of State are not available.

TABLE 12. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME BY NUMBER OF EARNERS AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income (\$) | Number of earners       |                            |       |                     |                                |                            |         |                     |                                |                            |         | All married couple units |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
|                          | Nil earners             |                            |       | One earner          |                                |                            |         | Two earners         |                                |                            |         |                          |
|                          | With dependent children | Without dependent children | Total | One dependent child | Two or more dependent children | Without dependent children | Total   | One dependent child | Two or more dependent children | Without dependent children | Total   |                          |
| 1 — 99                   | 35.5                    | 28.6                       | 64.1  | * 0.8               | * 3.3                          | 5.1                        | 9.1     | * 0.3               | * 0.5                          | —                          | * 0.8   | 74.0                     |
| 100 — 199                | 10.9                    | 47.6                       | 58.5  | * 3.2               | 7.0                            | 11.8                       | 22.0    | * 1.0               | 5.3                            | * 2.9                      | 9.3     | 89.8                     |
| 200 — 299                | 44.5                    | 349.6                      | 394.2 | 9.5                 | 13.9                           | 23.7                       | 47.1    | * 3.3               | 7.8                            | 10.2                       | 21.3    | 462.6                    |
| 300 — 399                | 72.0                    | 178.3                      | 250.4 | 28.5                | 38.2                           | 73.1                       | 139.7   | * 4.7               | 11.2                           | 16.4                       | 32.3    | 422.3                    |
| 400 — 499                | 10.4                    | 65.3                       | 75.7  | 49.6                | 95.2                           | 94.0                       | 238.9   | 16.7                | 24.9                           | 21.5                       | 63.0    | 377.6                    |
| 500 — 599                | * 3.9                   | 31.7                       | 35.6  | 45.3                | 98.8                           | 77.5                       | 221.6   | 23.3                | 39.2                           | 40.7                       | 103.1   | 360.3                    |
| 600 — 699                | * 1.7                   | 13.7                       | 15.4  | 32.1                | 70.7                           | 50.7                       | 153.4   | 38.5                | 58.9                           | 61.1                       | 158.6   | 327.4                    |
| 700 — 799                | * 0.5                   | 16.2                       | 16.7  | 24.2                | 61.3                           | 38.3                       | 123.8   | 39.6                | 78.6                           | 84.4                       | 202.6   | 343.0                    |
| 800 — 899                | * 0.3                   | * 2.7                      | * 3.0 | 14.3                | 43.8                           | 21.0                       | 79.1    | 47.0                | 93.4                           | 89.6                       | 230.1   | 312.1                    |
| 900 — 999                | * 0.2                   | * 3.0                      | * 3.2 | 8.3                 | 24.2                           | 11.7                       | 44.2    | 40.8                | 73.2                           | 91.6                       | 205.7   | 253.1                    |
| 1000 — 1099              | —                       | * 3.8                      | * 3.8 | 5.7                 | 14.5                           | 11.1                       | 31.3    | 37.5                | 72.4                           | 78.7                       | 188.6   | 223.7                    |
| 1100 — 1199              | * 0.3                   | * 3.2                      | * 3.6 | * 4.8               | 13.5                           | 8.2                        | 26.5    | 23.9                | 64.2                           | 59.2                       | 147.3   | 177.4                    |
| 1200 — 1299              | —                       | * 2.8                      | * 2.8 | 6.6                 | 13.3                           | 5.8                        | 25.6    | 22.1                | 42.3                           | 60.8                       | 125.1   | 153.5                    |
| 1300 — 1399              | —                       | * 1.4                      | * 1.4 | * 2.2               | 5.4                            | 6.0                        | 13.6    | 16.3                | 38.4                           | 41.3                       | 96.0    | 111.0                    |
| 1400 — 1499              | —                       | * 0.5                      | * 0.5 | * 2.4               | 7.2                            | 5.0                        | 14.6    | 12.5                | 35.4                           | 25.3                       | 73.1    | 88.3                     |
| 1500 and over            | * 1.2                   | 6.6                        | 7.7   | 5.9                 | 15.4                           | 20.1                       | 41.4    | 41.6                | 93.4                           | 103.7                      | 238.7   | 287.8                    |
| Total                    | 181.5                   | 755.2                      | 936.7 | 243.4               | 525.7                          | 462.9                      | 1,231.9 | 368.9               | 739.0                          | 787.6                      | 1,895.6 | 4,064.2                  |
| — Dollars per week —     |                         |                            |       |                     |                                |                            |         |                     |                                |                            |         |                          |
| Mean income              | 276                     | 349                        | 335   | 667                 | 692                            | 653                        | 672     | 1,012               | 1,067                          | 1,061                      | 1,054   | 773                      |
| Median income            | 299                     | 285                        | 287   | 575                 | 609                            | 525                        | 571     | 919                 | 967                            | 972                        | 961     | 673                      |

TABLE 13. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Type of income unit     |            |                    |         | Without dependent children | All married couple units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                              | With dependent children |            |                    | Total   |                            |                          |
|                                                                              | 1 child                 | 2 children | 3 or more children |         |                            |                          |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     | — '000 —                |            |                    |         |                            |                          |
| 1 — 99                                                                       | 13.4                    | 15.6       | 11.3               | 40.3    | 33.7                       | 74.0                     |
| 100 — 199                                                                    | 8.7                     | 6.4        | 12.3               | 27.4    | 62.4                       | 89.8                     |
| 200 — 299                                                                    | 43.8                    | 22.7       | 12.6               | 79.1    | 383.6                      | 462.6                    |
| 300 — 399                                                                    | 48.4                    | 68.3       | 37.8               | 154.5   | 267.8                      | 422.3                    |
| 400 — 499                                                                    | 67.7                    | 77.8       | 51.2               | 196.7   | 180.9                      | 377.6                    |
| 500 — 599                                                                    | 70.5                    | 85.1       | 54.9               | 210.5   | 149.8                      | 360.3                    |
| 600 — 699                                                                    | 72.1                    | 74.2       | 55.5               | 201.8   | 125.6                      | 327.4                    |
| 700 — 799                                                                    | 63.8                    | 85.0       | 55.3               | 204.1   | 138.9                      | 343.0                    |
| 800 — 899                                                                    | 61.4                    | 88.2       | 49.3               | 198.8   | 113.3                      | 312.1                    |
| 900 — 999                                                                    | 49.3                    | 62.1       | 35.4               | 146.8   | 106.3                      | 253.1                    |
| 1000 — 1099                                                                  | 43.3                    | 58.6       | 28.3               | 130.1   | 93.6                       | 223.7                    |
| 1100 — 1199                                                                  | 28.7                    | 53.5       | 24.6               | 106.8   | 70.6                       | 177.4                    |
| 1200 — 1299                                                                  | 28.7                    | 37.8       | 17.7               | 84.3    | 69.3                       | 153.5                    |
| 1300 — 1399                                                                  | 18.5                    | 29.9       | 13.9               | 62.3    | 48.7                       | 111.0                    |
| 1400 — 1499                                                                  | 14.9                    | 27.9       | 14.7               | 57.5    | 30.8                       | 88.3                     |
| 1500 and over                                                                | 48.1                    | 64.1       | 45.3               | 157.4   | 130.4                      | 287.8                    |
| Total                                                                        | 681.1                   | 857.3      | 520.1              | 2,058.4 | 2,005.7                    | 4,064.2                  |
| — Dollars per week —                                                         |                         |            |                    |         |                            |                          |
| Mean income                                                                  | 814                     | 860        | 859                | 844     | 699                        | 773                      |
| Median income                                                                | 727                     | 791        | 742                | 755     | 543                        | 673                      |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                 |                         |            |                    |         |                            |                          |
| Principal source of gross income:                                            |                         |            |                    |         |                            |                          |
| Wages or salary                                                              | 76.1                    | 79.5       | 72.1               | 76.5    | 50.3                       | 63.6                     |
| Own business, trade or profession                                            | 11.2                    | 11.4       | 13.7               | 11.9    | 8.2                        | 10.1                     |
| Other private income                                                         | 3.8                     | 2.5        | 3.7                | 3.2     | 13.8                       | 8.5                      |
| Government pensions and benefits                                             | 8.9                     | 6.6        | 10.5               | 8.4     | 27.7                       | 17.9                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                   | 100.0      | 100.0              | 100.0   | 100.0                      | 100.0                    |
| Number of earners:                                                           |                         |            |                    |         |                            |                          |
| Nil                                                                          | 10.1                    | 7.0        | 10.1               | 8.8     | 37.7                       | 23.0                     |
| One                                                                          | 35.7                    | 35.6       | 42.4               | 37.4    | 23.1                       | 30.3                     |
| Two                                                                          | 54.2                    | 57.4       | 47.4               | 53.8    | 39.3                       | 46.6                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                   | 100.0      | 100.0              | 100.0   | 100.0                      | 100.0                    |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                         |            |                    |         |                            |                          |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 36.6                    | 19.7       | 13.2               | 23.7    | 64.9                       | 44.0                     |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 53.0                    | 71.2       | 69.6               | 64.8    | 3.7                        | 34.6                     |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 1.5                     | 2.4        | 7.1                | 3.3     | 4.0                        | 3.7                      |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | 2.0                     | 1.3        | 1.9                | 1.7     | 11.8                       | 6.7                      |
| 90 and over                                                                  | 6.9                     | 5.3        | 8.3                | 6.6     | 15.6                       | 11.0                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                   | 100.0      | 100.0              | 100.0   | 100.0                      | 100.0                    |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                         |            |                    |         |                            |                          |
| Owners                                                                       | 31.4                    | 29.7       | 28.9               | 30.1    | 56.7                       | 43.2                     |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 42.6                    | 50.4       | 50.1               | 47.8    | 22.6                       | 35.3                     |
| Renters — government                                                         | 3.3                     | 4.1        | 5.5                | 4.2     | 2.8                        | 3.5                      |
| — private                                                                    | 14.6                    | 10.3       | 10.0               | 11.7    | 11.7                       | 11.7                     |
| — resident relative                                                          | 0.9                     | * 0.2      | —                  | 0.4     | 0.5                        | 0.4                      |
| — other                                                                      | 3.3                     | 2.8        | 2.9                | 3.0     | 1.9                        | 2.4                      |
| Total renters                                                                | 22.1                    | 17.5       | 18.4               | 19.2    | 16.8                       | 18.0                     |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 3.0                     | 2.0        | 2.2                | 2.4     | 2.9                        | 2.6                      |
| Total (a)                                                                    | 100.0                   | 100.0      | 100.0              | 100.0   | 100.0                      | 100.0                    |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.



TABLE 14. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY AGE OF REFERENCE PERSON, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Age of reference person      |         |         |         |         |             | All married couple units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                              | 15 - 24                      | 25 - 34 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65 and over |                          |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     | — '000 —                     |         |         |         |         |             |                          |
| 1 — 99                                                                       | * 1.6                        | 16.3    | 22.7    | 12.5    | 14.2    | 6.7         | 74.0                     |
| 100 — 199                                                                    | * 2.8                        | 12.1    | 13.5    | 8.4     | 25.5    | 27.5        | 89.8                     |
| 200 — 299                                                                    | 15.0                         | 20.1    | 33.5    | 44.8    | 104.1   | 245.1       | 462.6                    |
| 300 — 399                                                                    | 18.4                         | 51.6    | 68.7    | 54.3    | 80.0    | 149.2       | 422.3                    |
| 400 — 499                                                                    | 13.7                         | 83.9    | 77.0    | 71.0    | 75.7    | 56.3        | 377.6                    |
| 500 — 599                                                                    | 14.4                         | 102.2   | 90.5    | 60.7    | 58.4    | 34.3        | 360.3                    |
| 600 — 699                                                                    | 13.6                         | 94.3    | 92.4    | 76.0    | 41.1    | 9.9         | 327.4                    |
| 700 — 799                                                                    | 16.4                         | 93.5    | 102.8   | 71.5    | 40.1    | 18.6        | 343.0                    |
| 800 — 899                                                                    | 13.6                         | 89.8    | 109.5   | 60.2    | 33.7    | 5.4         | 312.1                    |
| 900 — 999                                                                    | 14.0                         | 70.7    | 87.5    | 58.9    | 17.0    | 5.1         | 253.1                    |
| 1000 — 1099                                                                  | 11.3                         | 68.9    | 76.1    | 40.8    | 21.7    | * 4.9       | 223.7                    |
| 1100 — 1199                                                                  | * 4.7                        | 45.5    | 68.4    | 37.6    | 15.2    | 6.0         | 177.4                    |
| 1200 — 1299                                                                  | * 1.9                        | 47.2    | 53.9    | 35.1    | 11.9    | * 3.5       | 153.5                    |
| 1300 — 1399                                                                  | * 1.9                        | 30.1    | 42.5    | 24.4    | 8.2     | * 3.9       | 111.0                    |
| 1400 — 1499                                                                  | * 0.3                        | 18.4    | 34.5    | 24.6    | 7.6     | * 2.9       | 88.3                     |
| 1500 and over                                                                | * 1.3                        | 50.4    | 106.8   | 85.6    | 31.5    | 12.1        | 287.8                    |
| Total                                                                        | 145.0                        | 895.0   | 1,080.2 | 766.3   | 586.2   | 591.4       | 4,064.2                  |
|                                                                              | — Dollars per week —         |         |         |         |         |             |                          |
| Mean income                                                                  | 659                          | 826     | 916     | 904     | 636     | 423         | 773                      |
| Median income                                                                | 661                          | 769     | 834     | 769     | 488     | 307         | 673                      |
|                                                                              | — Per cent of income units — |         |         |         |         |             |                          |
| Principal source of gross income:                                            |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                          |
| Wages or salary                                                              | 78.9                         | 82.6    | 78.5    | 74.7    | 48.3    | 4.3         | 63.6                     |
| Own business, trade or profession                                            | 4.4                          | 9.6     | 12.0    | 13.9    | 11.4    | 2.5         | 10.1                     |
| Other private income                                                         | * 0.6                        | 1.3     | 3.5     | 5.6     | 19.2    | 23.3        | 8.5                      |
| Government pensions and benefits                                             | 16.1                         | 6.4     | 6.0     | 5.8     | 21.1    | 69.8        | 17.9                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0                    |
| Type of income unit:                                                         |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                          |
| With dependent children —                                                    |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                          |
| 1 child                                                                      | 22.2                         | 24.6    | 16.9    | 24.4    | 8.9     | 1.1         | 16.8                     |
| 2 children                                                                   | 7.1                          | 27.5    | 39.8    | 19.8    | 3.1     | * 0.2       | 21.1                     |
| 3 or more children                                                           | * 2.2                        | 14.9    | 28.6    | 8.7     | 1.4     | —           | 12.8                     |
| Total                                                                        | 31.5                         | 66.9    | 85.2    | 53.0    | 13.5    | 1.4         | 50.6                     |
| Without dependent children                                                   | 68.5                         | 33.1    | 14.8    | 47.0    | 86.5    | 98.6        | 49.4                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0                    |
| Number of earners:                                                           |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                          |
| Nil                                                                          | 16.0                         | 6.1     | 6.8     | 8.3     | 33.8    | 88.5        | 23.0                     |
| One                                                                          | 29.4                         | 37.4    | 31.2    | 33.0    | 37.5    | 7.4         | 30.3                     |
| Two                                                                          | 54.7                         | 56.4    | 62.0    | 58.7    | 28.6    | 4.1         | 46.6                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0                    |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                          |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 63.2                         | 41.2    | 31.5    | 64.0    | 66.8    | 17.9        | 44.0                     |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 16.7                         | 49.9    | 59.2    | 28.6    | 8.4     | 4.9         | 34.6                     |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 4.0                          | 2.7     | 3.3     | 1.6     | 3.9     | 8.1         | 3.7                      |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | * 0.7                        | 1.4     | 1.2     | 1.5     | 8.2     | 31.2        | 6.7                      |
| 90 and over                                                                  | 15.5                         | 4.9     | 4.7     | 4.3     | 12.7    | 37.9        | 11.0                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0                    |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                          |
| Owners                                                                       | * 1.5                        | 11.2    | 29.5    | 53.8    | 75.5    | 81.2        | 43.2                     |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 23.9                         | 52.9    | 52.6    | 32.1    | 12.9    | 6.5         | 35.3                     |
| Renters — government                                                         | 7.2                          | 4.2     | 3.1     | 2.3     | 3.4     | 3.8         | 3.5                      |
| — private                                                                    | 50.3                         | 22.1    | 9.9     | 6.8     | 4.1     | 3.3         | 11.7                     |
| — resident relative                                                          | 3.9                          | 0.8     | * 0.1   | * 0.1   | * 0.1   | * 0.3       | 0.4                      |
| — other                                                                      | 6.3                          | 4.0     | 2.4     | 2.2     | 1.2     | * 0.7       | 2.4                      |
| Total renters                                                                | 67.7                         | 31.2    | 15.5    | 11.3    | 8.9     | 8.2         | 18.0                     |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 5.8                          | 3.7     | 1.8     | 1.9     | 2.0     | 3.4         | 2.6                      |
| Total (a)                                                                    | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0                    |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 15. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER–DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Principal source of income |              |         |                      |         |                                  | All married couple units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                              | Private income             |              |         |                      |         | Government pensions and benefits |                          |
|                                                                              | Earned income              |              |         | Other private income | Total   |                                  |                          |
|                                                                              | Wages or salary            | Own business | Total   |                      |         |                                  |                          |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     | — '000 —                   |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                          |
| 1 — 99                                                                       | * 3.0                      | 5.4          | 8.4     | 36.6                 | 45.0    | 29.0                             | 74.0                     |
| 100 — 199                                                                    | 12.2                       | 13.9         | 26.2    | 20.7                 | 46.9    | 42.9                             | 89.8                     |
| 200 — 299                                                                    | 27.3                       | 31.0         | 58.3    | 26.8                 | 85.1    | 377.5                            | 462.6                    |
| 300 — 399                                                                    | 120.9                      | 33.3         | 154.1   | 46.3                 | 200.4   | 221.9                            | 422.3                    |
| 400 — 499                                                                    | 244.1                      | 42.9         | 287.0   | 53.5                 | 340.6   | 37.1                             | 377.6                    |
| 500 — 599                                                                    | 274.5                      | 42.0         | 316.5   | 32.9                 | 349.4   | 10.9                             | 360.3                    |
| 600 — 699                                                                    | 268.5                      | 39.5         | 307.9   | 16.0                 | 323.9   | * 3.4                            | 327.4                    |
| 700 — 799                                                                    | 279.0                      | 38.4         | 317.4   | 21.9                 | 339.2   | * 3.8                            | 343.0                    |
| 800 — 899                                                                    | 276.9                      | 27.3         | 304.2   | 7.5                  | 311.8   | * 0.4                            | 312.1                    |
| 900 — 999                                                                    | 222.2                      | 23.7         | 245.9   | 7.3                  | 253.1   | —                                | 253.1                    |
| 1000 — 1099                                                                  | 198.6                      | 18.7         | 217.3   | 6.4                  | 223.7   | —                                | 223.7                    |
| 1100 — 1199                                                                  | 154.2                      | 14.5         | 168.7   | 8.7                  | 177.4   | —                                | 177.4                    |
| 1200 — 1299                                                                  | 130.4                      | 17.1         | 147.5   | 6.1                  | 153.5   | —                                | 153.5                    |
| 1300 — 1399                                                                  | 97.6                       | 8.6          | 106.1   | 4.9                  | 111.0   | —                                | 111.0                    |
| 1400 — 1499                                                                  | 73.2                       | 9.6          | 82.8    | 5.5                  | 88.3    | —                                | 88.3                     |
| 1500 and over                                                                | 201.1                      | 44.1         | 245.2   | 42.6                 | 287.8   | —                                | 287.8                    |
| Total                                                                        | 2,583.6                    | 410.0        | 2,993.6 | 343.7                | 3,337.3 | 726.9                            | 4,064.2                  |
| — Dollars per week —                                                         |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                          |
| Mean income                                                                  | 896                        | 852          | 890     | 780                  | 879     | 285                              | 773                      |
| Median income                                                                | 820                        | 693          | 806     | 475                  | 781     | 279                              | 673                      |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                 |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                          |
| Type of income unit:                                                         |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                          |
| With dependent children —                                                    |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                          |
| 1 child                                                                      | 20.1                       | 18.5         | 19.9    | 7.6                  | 18.6    | 8.3                              | 16.8                     |
| 2 children                                                                   | 26.4                       | 23.8         | 26.0    | 6.2                  | 24.0    | 7.8                              | 21.1                     |
| 3 or more children                                                           | 14.5                       | 17.3         | 14.9    | 5.6                  | 13.9    | 7.5                              | 12.8                     |
| Total                                                                        | 61.0                       | 59.7         | 60.8    | 19.3                 | 56.5    | 23.7                             | 50.6                     |
| Without dependent children and reference person aged —                       |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                          |
| 15 — 44                                                                      | 18.6                       | 10.4         | 17.5    | 3.1                  | 16.0    | 2.8                              | 13.7                     |
| 45 — 64                                                                      | 19.5                       | 26.3         | 20.4    | 37.7                 | 22.2    | 17.4                             | 21.3                     |
| 65 and over                                                                  | 0.9                        | 3.6          | 1.3     | 39.8                 | 5.3     | 56.1                             | 14.4                     |
| Total                                                                        | 39.0                       | 40.3         | 39.2    | 80.7                 | 43.5    | 76.3                             | 49.4                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0                    |
| Number of earners:                                                           |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                          |
| Nil                                                                          | ..                         | ..           | ..      | 72.5                 | 7.5     | 94.6                             | 23.0                     |
| One                                                                          | 39.4                       | 30.5         | 38.2    | 15.7                 | 35.9    | 4.6                              | 30.3                     |
| Two                                                                          | 60.6                       | 69.5         | 61.8    | 11.7                 | 56.6    | 0.8                              | 46.6                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0                    |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                          |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 52.0                       | 53.3         | 52.2    | 66.0                 | 53.6    | ..                               | 44.0                     |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 45.7                       | 42.6         | 45.3    | 15.5                 | 42.2    | ..                               | 34.6                     |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 2.3                        | 4.1          | 2.6     | 18.5                 | 4.2     | 1.1                              | 3.7                      |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | ..                         | ..           | ..      | ..                   | ..      | 37.2                             | 6.7                      |
| 90 and over                                                                  | ..                         | ..           | ..      | ..                   | ..      | 61.7                             | 11.0                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0                    |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                          |
| Owners                                                                       | 31.8                       | 50.0         | 34.3    | 80.6                 | 39.1    | 62.1                             | 43.2                     |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 45.0                       | 36.1         | 43.8    | 11.9                 | 40.5    | 11.7                             | 35.3                     |
| Renters — government                                                         | 2.8                        | * 1.1        | 2.6     | * 0.8                | 2.4     | 8.6                              | 3.5                      |
| — private                                                                    | 13.6                       | 8.0          | 12.8    | 3.3                  | 11.8    | 10.9                             | 11.7                     |
| — resident relative                                                          | 0.4                        | * 0.3        | 0.4     | —                    | 0.4     | * 0.6                            | 0.4                      |
| — other                                                                      | 3.4                        | * 0.4        | 3.0     | * 0.2                | 2.7     | 1.3                              | 2.4                      |
| Total renters                                                                | 20.2                       | 9.8          | 18.8    | 4.4                  | 17.3    | 21.4                             | 18.0                     |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 2.3                        | 3.5          | 2.5     | 2.4                  | 2.5     | 3.3                              | 2.6                      |
| Total (a)                                                                    | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0                    |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 16. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY NUMBER OF EARNERS, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Number of earners                    |         |             |       |            |             | All married couple units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|------------|-------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                              | No earners and reference person aged |         |             |       |            |             |                          |
|                                                                              | 15 - 44                              | 45 - 64 | 65 and over | Total | One earner | Two earners |                          |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     | — '000 —                             |         |             |       |            |             |                          |
| 1 — 99                                                                       | 36.7                                 | 21.6    | 5.7         | 64.1  | 9.1        | * 0.8       | 74.0                     |
| 100 — 199                                                                    | 9.6                                  | 22.2    | 26.7        | 58.5  | 22.0       | 9.3         | 89.8                     |
| 200 — 299                                                                    | 33.5                                 | 119.1   | 241.6       | 394.2 | 47.1       | 21.3        | 462.6                    |
| 300 — 399                                                                    | 56.5                                 | 54.9    | 138.9       | 250.4 | 139.7      | 32.3        | 422.3                    |
| 400 — 499                                                                    | 9.4                                  | 19.1    | 47.2        | 75.7  | 238.9      | 63.0        | 377.6                    |
| 500 — 599                                                                    | * 2.6                                | 9.5     | 23.5        | 35.6  | 221.6      | 103.1       | 360.3                    |
| 600 — 699                                                                    | * 1.3                                | 6.5     | 7.6         | 15.4  | 153.4      | 158.6       | 327.4                    |
| 700 — 799                                                                    | —                                    | * 3.3   | 13.4        | 16.7  | 123.8      | 202.6       | 343.0                    |
| 800 — 899                                                                    | * 0.3                                | * 0.9   | * 1.9       | * 3.0 | 79.1       | 230.1       | 312.1                    |
| 900 — 999                                                                    | —                                    | * 0.5   | * 2.7       | * 3.2 | 44.2       | 205.7       | 253.1                    |
| 1000 — 1099                                                                  | —                                    | —       | * 3.8       | * 3.8 | 31.3       | 188.6       | 223.7                    |
| 1100 — 1199                                                                  | * 0.3                                | —       | * 3.2       | * 3.6 | 26.5       | 147.3       | 177.4                    |
| 1200 — 1299                                                                  | —                                    | * 0.6   | * 2.2       | * 2.8 | 25.6       | 125.1       | 153.5                    |
| 1300 — 1399                                                                  | —                                    | * 0.6   | * 0.8       | * 1.4 | 13.6       | 96.0        | 111.0                    |
| 1400 — 1499                                                                  | —                                    | —       | * 0.5       | * 0.5 | 14.6       | 73.1        | 88.3                     |
| 1500 and over                                                                | * 0.8                                | * 3.3   | * 3.6       | 7.7   | 41.4       | 238.7       | 287.8                    |
| Total                                                                        | 151.1                                | 262.2   | 523.4       | 936.7 | 1,231.9    | 1,895.6     | 4,064.2                  |
| — Dollars per week —                                                         |                                      |         |             |       |            |             |                          |
| Mean income                                                                  | 260                                  | 323     | 362         | 335   | 672        | 1,054       | 773                      |
| Median income                                                                | 290                                  | 266     | 295         | 287   | 571        | 961         | 673                      |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                 |                                      |         |             |       |            |             |                          |
| Principal source of gross income:                                            |                                      |         |             |       |            |             |                          |
| Wages or salary                                                              | ..                                   | ..      | ..          | ..    | 82.7       | 82.5        | 63.6                     |
| Own business, trade or profession                                            | ..                                   | ..      | ..          | ..    | 10.1       | 15.0        | 10.1                     |
| Other private income                                                         | 14.9                                 | 40.5    | 23.0        | 26.6  | 4.4        | 2.1         | 8.5                      |
| Government pensions and benefits                                             | 85.1                                 | 59.5    | 77.0        | 73.4  | 2.7        | * 0.3       | 17.9                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                                | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0 | 100.0      | 100.0       | 100.0                    |
| Type of income unit:                                                         |                                      |         |             |       |            |             |                          |
| With dependent children —                                                    |                                      |         |             |       |            |             |                          |
| 1 child                                                                      | 22.8                                 | 11.1    | 1.0         | 7.3   | 19.8       | 19.5        | 16.8                     |
| 2 children                                                                   | 30.9                                 | 4.8     | * 0.1       | 6.4   | 24.7       | 26.0        | 21.1                     |
| 3 or more children                                                           | 29.7                                 | 2.9     | —           | 5.6   | 17.9       | 13.0        | 12.8                     |
| Total                                                                        | 83.4                                 | 18.8    | 1.2         | 19.4  | 62.4       | 58.5        | 50.6                     |
| Without dependent children and reference person aged —                       |                                      |         |             |       |            |             |                          |
| 15 — 44                                                                      | 16.6                                 | ..      | ..          | 2.7   | 8.9        | 22.2        | 13.7                     |
| 45 — 64                                                                      | ..                                   | 81.2    | ..          | 22.7  | 25.1       | 18.2        | 21.3                     |
| 65 and over                                                                  | ..                                   | ..      | 98.8        | 55.2  | 3.5        | 1.2         | 14.4                     |
| Total                                                                        | 16.6                                 | 81.2    | 98.8        | 80.6  | 37.6       | 41.5        | 49.4                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                                | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0 | 100.0      | 100.0       | 100.0                    |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                                      |         |             |       |            |             |                          |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 7.1                                  | 29.7    | 12.5        | 16.4  | 42.4       | 58.6        | 44.0                     |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | * 2.9                                | 4.1     | 3.5         | 3.6   | 49.8       | 40.2        | 34.6                     |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 5.0                                  | 7.0     | 7.4         | 6.9   | 5.3        | 1.0         | 3.7                      |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | 7.9                                  | 18.6    | 33.8        | 25.4  | 2.3        | * 0.2       | 6.7                      |
| 90 and over                                                                  | 77.1                                 | 40.5    | 42.7        | 47.7  | * 0.1      | * 0.0       | 11.0                     |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                                | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0 | 100.0      | 100.0       | 100.0                    |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                                      |         |             |       |            |             |                          |
| Owners                                                                       | 15.4                                 | 74.1    | 80.9        | 68.4  | 39.5       | 33.1        | 43.2                     |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 26.5                                 | 9.4     | 6.0         | 10.2  | 35.4       | 47.7        | 35.3                     |
| Renters — government                                                         | 15.9                                 | 5.9     | 4.3         | 6.6   | 3.9        | 1.7         | 3.5                      |
| — private                                                                    | 32.2                                 | 6.1     | 3.6         | 8.9   | 13.7       | 11.7        | 11.7                     |
| — resident relative                                                          | * 1.2                                | * 0.2   | * 0.4       | * 0.5 | 0.5        | 0.4         | 0.4                      |
| — other                                                                      | * 2.2                                | * 0.8   | * 0.8       | 1.0   | 3.2        | 2.6         | 2.4                      |
| Total renters                                                                | 51.4                                 | 13.0    | 9.0         | 17.0  | 21.3       | 16.4        | 18.0                     |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 4.4                                  | * 1.8   | 3.3         | 3.0   | 3.2        | 2.1         | 2.6                      |
| Total (a)                                                                    | 100.0                                | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0 | 100.0      | 100.0       | 100.0                    |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 17. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT PENSIONS AND BENEFITS TO TOTAL INCOME  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units | Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to total income |                    |                              |             | All married couple units |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
|                                                         | Nil and less than 1                                                         | 1 and less than 20 | 20 and less than 90          | 90 and over |                          |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                |                                                                             |                    | — '000 —                     |             |                          |
| 1 — 99                                                  | 36.3                                                                        | * 1.6              | 15.8                         | 20.3        | 74.0                     |
| 100 — 199                                               | 32.3                                                                        | 8.9                | 20.2                         | 28.3        | 89.8                     |
| 200 — 299                                               | 49.5                                                                        | 23.5               | 109.8                        | 279.8       | 462.6                    |
| 300 — 399                                               | 98.9                                                                        | 70.3               | 151.4                        | 101.7       | 422.3                    |
| 400 — 499                                               | 137.0                                                                       | 166.1              | 61.4                         | 13.1        | 377.6                    |
| 500 — 599                                               | 137.8                                                                       | 187.9              | 30.3                         | * 4.3       | 360.3                    |
| 600 — 699                                               | 134.2                                                                       | 181.9              | 10.5                         | * 0.7       | 327.4                    |
| 700 — 799                                               | 148.2                                                                       | 185.1              | 9.8                          | —           | 343.0                    |
| 800 — 899                                               | 130.1                                                                       | 177.0              | 5.1                          | —           | 312.1                    |
| 900 — 999                                               | 123.7                                                                       | 128.5              | * 0.9                        | —           | 253.1                    |
| 1000 — 1099                                             | 107.7                                                                       | 115.0              | * 1.0                        | —           | 223.7                    |
| 1100 — 1199                                             | 124.1                                                                       | 52.4               | * 0.9                        | —           | 177.4                    |
| 1200 — 1299                                             | 120.9                                                                       | 31.7               | * 0.9                        | —           | 153.5                    |
| 1300 — 1399                                             | 84.6                                                                        | 25.9               | * 0.5                        | —           | 111.0                    |
| 1400 — 1499                                             | 66.6                                                                        | 21.3               | * 0.5                        | —           | 88.3                     |
| 1500 and over                                           | 256.4                                                                       | 31.1               | * 0.4                        | —           | 287.8                    |
| Total                                                   | 1,788.2                                                                     | 1,408.2            | 419.4                        | 448.4       | 4,064.2                  |
|                                                         |                                                                             |                    | — Dollars per week —         |             |                          |
| Mean income                                             | 998                                                                         | 770                | 366                          | 265         | 773                      |
| Median income                                           | 890                                                                         | 732                | 326                          | 260         | 673                      |
|                                                         |                                                                             |                    | — Per cent of income units — |             |                          |
| Principal source of gross income:                       |                                                                             |                    |                              |             |                          |
| Wages or salary                                         | 75.1                                                                        | 83.8               | 14.4                         | ..          | 63.6                     |
| Own business, trade or profession                       | 12.2                                                                        | 12.4               | 4.0                          | ..          | 10.1                     |
| Other private income                                    | 12.7                                                                        | 3.8                | 15.2                         | ..          | 8.5                      |
| Government pensions and benefits                        | ..                                                                          | ..                 | 66.4                         | 100.0       | 17.9                     |
| Total                                                   | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0              | 100.0                        | 100.0       | 100.0                    |
| Type of income unit:                                    |                                                                             |                    |                              |             |                          |
| With dependent children —                               |                                                                             |                    |                              |             |                          |
| 1 child                                                 | 13.9                                                                        | 25.6               | 5.7                          | 10.5        | 16.8                     |
| 2 children                                              | 9.5                                                                         | 43.4               | 7.7                          | 10.1        | 21.1                     |
| 3 or more children                                      | 3.8                                                                         | 25.7               | 11.1                         | 9.6         | 12.8                     |
| Total                                                   | 27.2                                                                        | 94.7               | 24.4                         | 30.2        | 50.6                     |
| Without dependent children and reference person aged —  |                                                                             |                    |                              |             |                          |
| 15 — 44                                                 | 28.7                                                                        | 1.0                | 2.6                          | 3.6         | 13.7                     |
| 45 — 64                                                 | 38.2                                                                        | 2.3                | 17.9                         | 17.1        | 21.3                     |
| 65 and over                                             | 5.8                                                                         | 2.0                | 55.0                         | 49.1        | 14.4                     |
| Total                                                   | 72.8                                                                        | 5.3                | 75.6                         | 69.8        | 49.4                     |
| Total                                                   | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0              | 100.0                        | 100.0       | 100.0                    |
| Number of earners:                                      |                                                                             |                    |                              |             |                          |
| Nil                                                     | 8.6                                                                         | 2.4                | 72.2                         | 99.6        | 23.0                     |
| One                                                     | 29.2                                                                        | 43.5               | 22.4                         | * 0.4       | 30.3                     |
| Two                                                     | 62.1                                                                        | 54.1               | 5.4                          | * 0.1       | 46.6                     |
| Total                                                   | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0              | 100.0                        | 100.0       | 100.0                    |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                            |                                                                             |                    |                              |             |                          |
| Owners                                                  | 45.4                                                                        | 29.8               | 69.9                         | 51.4        | 43.2                     |
| Purchasers                                              | 34.3                                                                        | 50.1               | 14.3                         | 12.5        | 35.3                     |
| Renters — government                                    | 1.4                                                                         | 3.4                | 3.6                          | 12.2        | 3.5                      |
| — private                                               | 12.7                                                                        | 10.5               | 7.4                          | 15.3        | 11.7                     |
| — resident relative                                     | 0.4                                                                         | * 0.3              | * 0.2                        | * 0.8       | 0.4                      |
| — other                                                 | 2.5                                                                         | 3.2                | * 0.8                        | 1.6         | 2.4                      |
| Total renters                                           | 16.9                                                                        | 17.4               | 12.1                         | 29.9        | 18.0                     |
| Rent-free                                               | 2.6                                                                         | 2.2                | 2.9                          | 4.0         | 2.6                      |
| Total (a)                                               | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0              | 100.0                        | 100.0       | 100.0                    |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 18. ONE-PARENT INCOME UNITS: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY GROSS WEEKLY INCOME QUINTILE GROUP  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Characteristics of income units                                                 | Gross weekly income quintile |        |       |        |         | All<br>one-parent<br>units |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|---------|----------------------------|
|                                                                                 | Lowest                       | Second | Third | Fourth | Highest |                            |
| — Dollars per week —                                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Upper boundary of quintile group                                                | 203                          | 251    | 326   | 483    | n.a.    | n.a.                       |
| Mean income                                                                     | 161                          | 226    | 282   | 403    | 683     | 350                        |
| Median income                                                                   | 186                          | 227    | 279   | 409    | 606     | 278                        |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                    |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Principal source of gross income:                                               |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Wages or salary                                                                 | * 3.5                        | * 2.4  | 9.9   | 62.1   | 84.5    | 32.3                       |
| Own business, trade or profession                                               | * 0.8                        | * 0.8  | * 0.4 | * 2.7  | * 4.6   | 1.9                        |
| Other private income                                                            | 7.2                          | * 0.3  | * 1.8 | * 5.5  | 8.2     | 4.6                        |
| Government pensions and benefits                                                | 88.5                         | 96.5   | 87.9  | 29.6   | * 2.7   | 61.3                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Sex:                                                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Male                                                                            | 14.5                         | 8.0    | 6.9   | 9.2    | 22.5    | 12.2                       |
| Female                                                                          | 85.5                         | 92.0   | 93.1  | 90.8   | 77.5    | 87.8                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Age:                                                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| 15 — 24                                                                         | 23.9                         | 21.4   | 12.8  | * 4.6  | * 3.7   | 13.4                       |
| 25 — 44                                                                         | 54.8                         | 70.9   | 76.1  | 82.7   | 75.1    | 71.8                       |
| 45 and over                                                                     | 21.3                         | 7.7    | 11.1  | 12.7   | 21.2    | 14.8                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Number of dependent children:                                                   |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| 1 child                                                                         | 85.7                         | 57.7   | 26.3  | 40.2   | 49.8    | 52.2                       |
| 2 or more children                                                              | 14.3                         | 42.3   | 73.7  | 59.8   | 50.2    | 47.8                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Labour force status:                                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| In the labour force —                                                           |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Employed                                                                        | 9.3                          | 7.9    | 28.8  | 87.1   | 95.4    | 45.4                       |
| Unemployed                                                                      | 23.4                         | 24.9   | 20.5  | * 0.7  | * 0.5   | 14.1                       |
| Total labour force                                                              | 32.7                         | 32.9   | 49.3  | 87.7   | 95.9    | 59.5                       |
| Not in the labour force                                                         | 67.3                         | 67.1   | 50.7  | 12.3   | * 4.1   | 40.5                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Percentage contribution of government<br>pensions and benefits to gross income: |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Nil and less than 1                                                             | * 4.2                        | * 0.7  | * 5.1 | 10.1   | 29.4    | 9.9                        |
| 1 and less than 20                                                              | * 5.8                        | * 1.9  | * 4.0 | 39.2   | 58.4    | 21.7                       |
| 20 and less than 50                                                             | * 1.5                        | * 0.6  | * 4.3 | 24.3   | 9.4     | 8.0                        |
| 50 and less than 90                                                             | 9.8                          | 21.5   | 38.8  | 20.4   | * 2.2   | 18.5                       |
| 90 and over                                                                     | 78.7                         | 75.3   | 47.8  | * 6.0  | * 0.5   | 42.0                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                    |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Owners                                                                          | 14.1                         | 8.6    | 11.2  | 18.0   | 20.0    | 14.3                       |
| Purchasers                                                                      | 12.5                         | 11.1   | 12.4  | 31.3   | 40.0    | 21.4                       |
| Renters — government                                                            | 32.1                         | 24.2   | 32.1  | 14.0   | 9.1     | 22.3                       |
| — private                                                                       | 11.4                         | 29.2   | 31.5  | 27.8   | 19.3    | 23.8                       |
| — resident relative                                                             | 11.6                         | 13.4   | * 3.3 | * 2.8  | * 2.3   | 6.7                        |
| — other                                                                         | * 2.7                        | * 4.7  | * 4.7 | * 2.4  | * 4.8   | 3.9                        |
| Total renters                                                                   | 57.8                         | 71.5   | 71.5  | 47.0   | 35.6    | 56.7                       |
| Rent-free                                                                       | 15.6                         | 7.1    | * 3.1 | * 3.3  | * 3.2   | 6.5                        |
| Total (a)                                                                       | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| — '000 —                                                                        |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Estimated number of income units in:                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Capital city                                                                    | 52.4                         | 46.9   | 45.4  | 44.0   | 54.2    | 242.8                      |
| Rest of State                                                                   | 25.9                         | 31.7   | 30.3  | 32.4   | 22.7    | 142.9                      |
| Total                                                                           | 78.2                         | 78.6   | 75.6  | 76.3   | 76.9    | 385.7                      |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 19. ONE-PARENT INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME BY CAPITAL CITY/REST OF STATE  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income (\$)          | NSW                 | Vic.  | Qld   | SA    | WA    | Tas.  | NT(a) | ACT(a) | Australia |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| CAPITAL CITY STATISTICAL DIVISION |                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
|                                   | —'000—              |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| 1—99                              | * 2.1               | * 2.2 | * 0.9 | * 0.6 | * 1.1 | —     | * 0.4 | * 0.2  | 7.5       |
| 100—149                           | * 1.8               | * 1.6 | * 0.7 | * 1.1 | —     | * 0.2 | * 0.4 | —      | 5.7       |
| 150—199                           | 10.5                | 8.2   | * 4.5 | * 4.6 | 5.4   | * 0.5 | * 1.0 | * 0.3  | 35.0      |
| 200—249                           | 18.1                | 10.0  | 7.6   | * 3.5 | 6.1   | * 1.7 | * 0.9 | * 1.8  | 49.8      |
| 250—299                           | 7.9                 | 7.7   | * 4.6 | 5.3   | 5.4   | * 0.3 | —     | * 1.7  | 32.8      |
| 300—399                           | 6.4                 | 9.8   | * 4.8 | 5.4   | * 4.3 | * 0.9 | * 0.7 | * 0.8  | 33.1      |
| 400—499                           | 9.5                 | 7.5   | * 3.5 | * 3.3 | * 2.9 | * 0.1 | * 0.6 | * 0.3  | 27.8      |
| 500 and over                      | 14.4                | 12.4  | 5.5   | 5.9   | 5.7   | * 1.0 | * 2.4 | * 3.9  | 51.1      |
| Total                             | 70.7                | 59.2  | 32.2  | 29.7  | 30.9  | * 4.6 | 6.5   | 9.0    | 242.8     |
|                                   | — Dollars per week— |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| Mean income                       | 340                 | 360   | 330   | 353   | 362   | * 336 | 420   | 475    | 355       |
| Median income                     | 264                 | 296   | 275   | 297   | 274   | * 255 | 375   | 355    | 280       |
| REST OF STATE                     |                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
|                                   | —'000—              |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| 1—99                              | —                   | —     | * 1.9 | —     | —     | —     | —     | —      | * 1.9     |
| 100—149                           | * 1.1               | * 1.6 | * 0.8 | * 0.7 | * 0.6 | —     | —     | —      | * 4.8     |
| 150—199                           | 4.9                 | * 2.1 | 5.4   | * 0.8 | * 3.3 | * 0.3 | —     | —      | 16.8      |
| 200—249                           | 8.6                 | 9.2   | 6.5   | * 2.1 | * 3.4 | * 1.4 | —     | —      | 31.2      |
| 250—299                           | 11.0                | * 4.3 | 7.7   | * 2.2 | * 1.2 | * 1.0 | —     | —      | 27.4      |
| 300—399                           | 6.2                 | * 3.8 | 7.3   | * 1.7 | * 1.9 | * 0.7 | —     | —      | 21.5      |
| 400—499                           | 7.6                 | * 3.2 | * 3.8 | * 1.2 | * 1.5 | * 0.3 | —     | —      | 17.6      |
| 500 and over                      | 7.0                 | * 3.0 | 7.8   | * 2.3 | * 0.9 | * 0.8 | —     | —      | 21.8      |
| Total                             | 46.4                | 27.3  | 41.2  | 10.9  | 12.8  | * 4.4 | —     | —      | 142.9     |
|                                   | — Dollars per week— |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| Mean income                       | 366                 | 313   | 343   | 376   | 282   | * 328 | —     | —      | 341       |
| Median income                     | 282                 | 257   | 291   | 274   | 230   | * 262 | —     | —      | 273       |
| TOTAL                             |                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
|                                   | —'000—              |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| 1—99                              | * 2.1               | * 2.2 | * 2.8 | * 0.6 | * 1.1 | —     | * 0.4 | * 0.2  | 9.4       |
| 100—149                           | * 2.8               | * 3.2 | * 1.5 | * 1.7 | * 0.6 | * 0.2 | * 0.4 | —      | 10.5      |
| 150—199                           | 15.5                | 10.2  | 10.0  | 5.3   | 8.7   | * 0.8 | * 1.0 | * 0.3  | 51.8      |
| 200—249                           | 26.6                | 19.2  | 14.1  | 5.7   | 9.5   | * 3.1 | * 0.9 | * 1.8  | 80.9      |
| 250—299                           | 19.0                | 12.0  | 12.3  | 7.4   | 6.6   | * 1.3 | —     | * 1.7  | 60.2      |
| 300—399                           | 12.6                | 13.6  | 12.1  | 7.1   | 6.1   | * 1.5 | * 0.7 | * 0.8  | 54.6      |
| 400—499                           | 17.1                | 10.7  | 7.3   | * 4.5 | * 4.4 | * 0.4 | * 0.6 | * 0.3  | 45.3      |
| 500 and over                      | 21.4                | 15.4  | 13.3  | 8.2   | 6.7   | * 1.7 | * 2.4 | * 3.9  | 72.9      |
| Total                             | 117.1               | 86.5  | 73.4  | 40.6  | 43.7  | 9.0   | 6.5   | 9.0    | 385.7     |
|                                   | — Dollars per week— |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |           |
| Mean income                       | 350                 | 345   | 337   | 359   | 338   | 332   | 420   | 475    | 350       |
| Median income                     | 271                 | 284   | 283   | 292   | 263   | 260   | 375   | 355    | 278       |

(a) Separate numbers for capital city/rest of State are not available.

TABLE 20. ONE-PARENT INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND SEX, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Labour force status |            |                     |                     | Sex         |               | All one-parent units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
|                                                                              | Employed            | Unemployed | In the labour force | Not in labour force | Male parent | Female parent |                      |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     | —'000—              |            |                     |                     |             |               |                      |
| 1 — 99                                                                       | * 2.8               | * 1.7      | * 4.5               | 4.9                 | * 1.3       | 8.2           | 9.4                  |
| 100 — 149                                                                    | * 1.0               | * 2.8      | * 3.8               | 6.7                 | * 3.1       | 7.5           | 10.5                 |
| 150 — 199                                                                    | * 3.5               | 12.1       | 15.6                | 36.2                | 6.4         | 45.4          | 51.8                 |
| 200 — 249                                                                    | 5.6                 | 21.0       | 26.6                | 54.3                | 6.5         | 74.4          | 80.9                 |
| 250 — 299                                                                    | 12.9                | 12.5       | 25.4                | 34.8                | * 2.9       | 57.3          | 60.2                 |
| 300 — 399                                                                    | 36.7                | * 3.8      | 40.6                | 14.1                | 5.1         | 49.5          | 54.6                 |
| 400 — 499                                                                    | 42.7                | —          | 42.7                | * 2.6               | 4.9         | 40.4          | 45.3                 |
| 500 and over                                                                 | 69.9                | * 0.4      | 70.3                | * 2.6               | 17.0        | 55.9          | 72.9                 |
| Total                                                                        | 175.1               | 54.3       | 229.4               | 156.3               | 47.1        | 338.6         | 385.7                |
| —Dollars per week—                                                           |                     |            |                     |                     |             |               |                      |
| Mean income                                                                  | 489                 | 222        | 426                 | 238                 | 457         | 335           | 350                  |
| Median income                                                                | 456                 | 221        | 392                 | 227                 | 346         | 273           | 278                  |
| —Per cent of income units—                                                   |                     |            |                     |                     |             |               |                      |
| Principal source of gross income:                                            |                     |            |                     |                     |             |               |                      |
| Wages or salary                                                              | 71.2                | ..         | 54.3                | ..                  | 44.4        | 30.6          | 32.3                 |
| Own business, trade or profession                                            | 4.1                 | ..         | 3.1                 | ..                  | * 5.8       | * 1.3         | 1.9                  |
| Other private income                                                         | 3.2                 | * 3.9      | 3.4                 | 6.4                 | * 5.8       | 4.4           | 4.6                  |
| Government pensions and benefits                                             | 21.5                | 96.1       | 39.2                | 93.6                | 44.0        | 63.7          | 61.3                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0       | 100.0         | 100.0                |
| Sex:                                                                         |                     |            |                     |                     |             |               |                      |
| Male                                                                         | 16.1                | 12.2       | 15.2                | 7.9                 | 100.0       | ..            | 12.2                 |
| Female                                                                       | 83.9                | 87.8       | 84.8                | 92.1                | ..          | 100.0         | 87.8                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0       | 100.0         | 100.0                |
| Age:                                                                         |                     |            |                     |                     |             |               |                      |
| 15 — 24                                                                      | 5.3                 | 21.7       | 9.2                 | 19.5                | * 5.2       | 14.5          | 13.4                 |
| 25 — 44                                                                      | 77.9                | 69.5       | 75.9                | 65.9                | 64.1        | 72.9          | 71.8                 |
| 45 and over                                                                  | 16.8                | * 8.8      | 14.9                | 14.6                | 30.7        | 12.6          | 14.8                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0       | 100.0         | 100.0                |
| Number of dependent children:                                                |                     |            |                     |                     |             |               |                      |
| 1 child                                                                      | 49.2                | 56.8       | 51.0                | 53.9                | 63.4        | 50.6          | 52.2                 |
| 2 or more children                                                           | 50.8                | 43.2       | 49.0                | 46.1                | 36.6        | 49.4          | 47.8                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0       | 100.0         | 100.0                |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                     |            |                     |                     |             |               |                      |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 19.2                | * 1.5      | 15.0                | * 2.3               | 32.0        | 6.8           | 9.9                  |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 45.2                | * 1.6      | 34.9                | * 2.5               | 21.1        | 21.8          | 21.7                 |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 15.9                | * 0.7      | 12.3                | * 1.6               | * 2.9       | 8.7           | 8.0                  |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | 17.4                | 22.7       | 18.7                | 18.2                | * 6.2       | 20.2          | 18.5                 |
| 90 and over                                                                  | * 2.3               | 73.5       | 19.1                | 75.5                | 37.9        | 42.5          | 42.0                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0       | 100.0         | 100.0                |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                     |            |                     |                     |             |               |                      |
| Owners                                                                       | 18.4                | * 4.2      | 15.0                | 13.4                | 18.6        | 13.7          | 14.3                 |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 35.7                | 9.1        | 29.4                | 9.7                 | 25.4        | 20.9          | 21.4                 |
| Renters — government                                                         | 11.1                | 31.3       | 15.9                | 31.7                | 15.0        | 23.4          | 22.3                 |
| — private                                                                    | 24.0                | 29.8       | 25.3                | 21.5                | 25.1        | 23.6          | 23.8                 |
| — resident relative                                                          | * 2.7               | 9.7        | 4.3                 | 10.3                | * 6.8       | 6.7           | 6.7                  |
| — other                                                                      | 3.4                 | * 5.5      | 3.9                 | 3.8                 | * 2.8       | 4.0           | 3.9                  |
| Total renters                                                                | 41.2                | 76.2       | 49.5                | 67.3                | 49.6        | 57.7          | 56.7                 |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 4.0                 | 9.3        | 5.3                 | 8.3                 | * 4.2       | 6.8           | 6.5                  |
| Total(a)                                                                     | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0       | 100.0         | 100.0                |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 21. ONE-PARENT INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY AGE OF PARENT, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Age of parent |         |                              | All one-parent units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                                              | 15 - 24       | 25 - 44 | 45 and over                  |                      |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     |               |         | — '000 —                     |                      |
| 1 — 99                                                                       | * 2.7         | 5.8     | * 1.0                        | 9.4                  |
| 100 — 149                                                                    | * 1.1         | * 4.3   | 5.2                          | 10.5                 |
| 150 — 199                                                                    | 12.5          | 29.8    | 9.4                          | 51.8                 |
| 200 — 249                                                                    | 18.6          | 55.8    | 6.6                          | 80.9                 |
| 250 — 299                                                                    | 9.8           | 45.4    | 5.0                          | 60.2                 |
| 300 — 399                                                                    | * 2.5         | 43.9    | 8.2                          | 54.6                 |
| 400 — 499                                                                    | * 1.9         | 38.1    | 5.4                          | 45.3                 |
| 500 and over                                                                 | * 2.5         | 54.1    | 16.3                         | 72.9                 |
| Total                                                                        | 51.5          | 277.1   | 57.1                         | 385.7                |
|                                                                              |               |         | — Dollars per week —         |                      |
| Mean income                                                                  | 243           | 363     | 381                          | 350                  |
| Median income                                                                | 220           | 295     | 305                          | 278                  |
|                                                                              |               |         | — Per cent of income units — |                      |
| Principal source of gross income:                                            |               |         |                              |                      |
| Wages or salary                                                              | 12.7          | 34.8    | 37.9                         | 32.3                 |
| Own business, trade or profession                                            | —             | 2.0     | * 2.8                        | 1.9                  |
| Other private income                                                         | * 2.0         | 3.6     | 11.8                         | 4.6                  |
| Government pensions and benefits                                             | 85.3          | 59.6    | 47.5                         | 61.3                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0         | 100.0   | 100.0                        | 100.0                |
| Sex:                                                                         |               |         |                              |                      |
| Male                                                                         | * 4.8         | 10.9    | 25.3                         | 12.2                 |
| Female                                                                       | 95.2          | 89.1    | 74.7                         | 87.8                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0         | 100.0   | 100.0                        | 100.0                |
| Number of dependent children:                                                |               |         |                              |                      |
| 1 child                                                                      | 74.4          | 43.0    | 76.6                         | 52.2                 |
| 2 or more children                                                           | 25.6          | 57.0    | 23.4                         | 47.8                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0         | 100.0   | 100.0                        | 100.0                |
| Labour force status:                                                         |               |         |                              |                      |
| In the labour force —                                                        |               |         |                              |                      |
| Employed                                                                     | 17.9          | 49.2    | 51.6                         | 45.4                 |
| Unemployed                                                                   | 22.9          | 13.6    | * 8.4                        | 14.1                 |
| Total labour force                                                           | 40.8          | 62.9    | 60.0                         | 59.5                 |
| Not in the labour force                                                      | 59.2          | 37.1    | 40.0                         | 40.5                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0         | 100.0   | 100.0                        | 100.0                |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |               |         |                              |                      |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | * 4.0         | 6.9     | 29.8                         | 9.9                  |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | * 6.6         | 25.2    | 18.8                         | 21.7                 |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | * 4.1         | 9.3     | * 4.8                        | 8.0                  |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | 16.3          | 20.2    | 12.2                         | 18.5                 |
| 90 and over                                                                  | 69.0          | 38.5    | 34.5                         | 42.0                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0         | 100.0   | 100.0                        | 100.0                |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |               |         |                              |                      |
| Owners                                                                       | —             | 12.9    | 34.3                         | 14.3                 |
| Purchasers                                                                   | * 1.4         | 24.3    | 25.4                         | 21.4                 |
| Renters — government                                                         | 24.9          | 22.7    | 18.4                         | 22.3                 |
| — private                                                                    | 35.4          | 23.7    | 14.0                         | 23.8                 |
| — resident relative                                                          | 19.5          | 5.3     | * 2.0                        | 6.7                  |
| — other                                                                      | * 4.8         | 3.8     | * 3.2                        | 3.9                  |
| Total renters                                                                | 84.6          | 55.5    | 37.5                         | 56.7                 |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 13.5          | 6.0     | * 2.8                        | 6.5                  |
| Total(a)                                                                     | 100.0         | 100.0   | 100.0                        | 100.0                |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.



TABLE 22. ONE-PARENT INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Principal source of income |              |       |                      |       |                                  | All one-parent units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                                              | Private income             |              |       |                      |       | Government pensions and benefits |                      |
|                                                                              | Earned income              |              |       | Other private income | Total |                                  |                      |
|                                                                              | Wages or salary            | Own business | Total |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     | — '000 —                   |              |       |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| 1 — 99                                                                       | * 0.8                      | * 0.3        | * 1.0 | * 2.0                | * 3.0 | 6.4                              | 9.4                  |
| 100 — 149                                                                    | * 0.6                      | * 0.3        | * 1.0 | * 1.7                | * 2.7 | 7.9                              | 10.5                 |
| 150 — 199                                                                    | * 1.4                      | —            | * 1.4 | * 1.9                | * 3.3 | 48.5                             | 51.8                 |
| 200 — 249                                                                    | * 1.9                      | * 0.6        | * 2.5 | * 0.2                | * 2.7 | 78.2                             | 80.9                 |
| 250 — 299                                                                    | * 2.4                      | * 0.3        | * 2.7 | * 0.7                | * 3.5 | 56.8                             | 60.2                 |
| 300 — 399                                                                    | 19.7                       | * 0.9        | 20.6  | * 2.4                | 23.0  | 31.6                             | 54.6                 |
| 400 — 499                                                                    | 36.1                       | * 1.2        | 37.3  | * 2.4                | 39.6  | 5.7                              | 45.3                 |
| 500 and over                                                                 | 61.8                       | * 3.5        | 65.3  | 6.3                  | 71.6  | * 1.3                            | 72.9                 |
| Total                                                                        | 124.6                      | 7.2          | 131.7 | 17.7                 | 149.4 | 236.3                            | 385.7                |
| — Dollars per week —                                                         |                            |              |       |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| Mean income                                                                  | 523                        | 607          | 527   | 494                  | 523   | 240                              | 350                  |
| Median income                                                                | 497                        | 461          | 497   | 373                  | 487   | 231                              | 278                  |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                 |                            |              |       |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| Sex:                                                                         |                            |              |       |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| Male                                                                         | 16.8                       | * 38.3       | 18.0  | * 15.5               | 17.7  | 8.8                              | 12.2                 |
| Female                                                                       | 83.2                       | * 61.7       | 82.0  | 84.5                 | 82.3  | 91.2                             | 87.8                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0 | 100.0                | 100.0 | 100.0                            | 100.0                |
| Age:                                                                         |                            |              |       |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| 15 — 24                                                                      | 5.3                        | —            | 5.0   | * 5.8                | 5.1   | 18.6                             | 13.4                 |
| 25 — 44                                                                      | 77.4                       | 78.0         | 77.4  | 56.0                 | 74.9  | 69.9                             | 71.8                 |
| 45 and over                                                                  | 17.4                       | * 22.0       | 17.6  | 38.2                 | 20.1  | 11.5                             | 14.8                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0 | 100.0                | 100.0 | 100.0                            | 100.0                |
| Number of dependent children:                                                |                            |              |       |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| 1 child                                                                      | 53.9                       | * 63.9       | 54.5  | 61.6                 | 55.3  | 50.2                             | 52.2                 |
| 2 or more children                                                           | 46.1                       | * 36.1       | 45.5  | 38.4                 | 44.7  | 49.8                             | 47.8                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0 | 100.0                | 100.0 | 100.0                            | 100.0                |
| Labour force status:                                                         |                            |              |       |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| In the labour force —                                                        |                            |              |       |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| Employed                                                                     | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0 | 31.9                 | 91.9  | 15.9                             | 45.4                 |
| Unemployed                                                                   | ..                         | ..           | ..    | * 11.8               | * 1.4 | 22.1                             | 14.1                 |
| Total labour force                                                           | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0 | 43.8                 | 93.3  | 38.1                             | 59.5                 |
| Not in the labour force                                                      | ..                         | ..           | ..    | 56.2                 | 6.7   | 61.9                             | 40.5                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0 | 100.0                | 100.0 | 100.0                            | 100.0                |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                            |              |       |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 22.5                       | * 37.6       | 23.3  | 41.5                 | 25.5  | ..                               | 9.9                  |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 58.7                       | * 53.0       | 58.4  | 39.3                 | 56.1  | ..                               | 21.7                 |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 18.6                       | * 9.4        | 18.1  | * 19.2               | 18.2  | * 1.5                            | 8.0                  |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | * 0.2                      | —            | * 0.2 | —                    | * 0.2 | 30.0                             | 18.5                 |
| 90 and over                                                                  | ..                         | ..           | ..    | ..                   | ..    | 68.5                             | 42.0                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0 | 100.0                | 100.0 | 100.0                            | 100.0                |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                            |              |       |                      |       |                                  |                      |
| Owners                                                                       | 16.3                       | * 40.8       | 17.6  | 43.7                 | 20.7  | 10.3                             | 14.3                 |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 38.7                       | * 38.2       | 38.7  | * 22.4               | 36.7  | 11.7                             | 21.4                 |
| Renters — government                                                         | 10.7                       | * 3.7        | 10.3  | * 1.3                | 9.3   | 30.6                             | 22.3                 |
| — private                                                                    | 22.6                       | * 8.8        | 21.9  | * 10.4               | 20.5  | 25.9                             | 23.8                 |
| — resident relative                                                          | * 2.7                      | —            | * 2.6 | * 3.3                | * 2.7 | 9.3                              | 6.7                  |
| — other                                                                      | 4.0                        | * 4.7        | 4.0   | —                    | 3.5   | 4.1                              | 3.9                  |
| Total renters                                                                | 40.0                       | * 17.2       | 38.8  | * 15.0               | 36.0  | 69.8                             | 56.7                 |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 4.2                        | * 3.8        | 4.2   | * 19.0               | 5.9   | 6.9                              | 6.5                  |
| Total(a)                                                                     | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0 | 100.0                | 100.0 | 100.0                            | 100.0                |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 23. ONE-PARENT INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT PENSIONS AND BENEFITS TO TOTAL INCOME  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units | Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to total income |                     |                              | All one-parent units |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                         | Nil and less than 20                                                        | 20 and less than 90 | 90 and over                  |                      |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                |                                                                             |                     | — '000 —                     |                      |
| 1 — 99                                                  | * 2.1                                                                       | * 3.0               | * 4.3                        | 9.4                  |
| 100 — 149                                               | * 2.7                                                                       | —                   | 7.9                          | 10.5                 |
| 150 — 199                                               | * 3.0                                                                       | 5.8                 | 42.9                         | 51.8                 |
| 200 — 249                                               | * 2.0                                                                       | 14.7                | 64.2                         | 80.9                 |
| 250 — 299                                               | * 2.2                                                                       | 25.5                | 32.5                         | 60.2                 |
| 300 — 399                                               | 14.8                                                                        | 30.1                | 9.7                          | 54.6                 |
| 400 — 499                                               | 30.4                                                                        | 15.0                | —                            | 45.3                 |
| 500 and over                                            | 64.7                                                                        | 7.8                 | * 0.4                        | 72.9                 |
| Total                                                   | 121.9                                                                       | 101.9               | 161.9                        | 385.7                |
|                                                         |                                                                             |                     | — Dollars per week —         |                      |
| Mean income                                             | 546                                                                         | 323                 | 219                          | 350                  |
| Median income                                           | 509                                                                         | 307                 | 218                          | 278                  |
|                                                         |                                                                             |                     | — Per cent of income units — |                      |
| Principal source of gross income:                       |                                                                             |                     |                              |                      |
| Wages or salary                                         | 83.0                                                                        | 23.0                | ..                           | 32.3                 |
| Own business, trade or profession                       | 5.3                                                                         | * 0.7               | ..                           | 1.9                  |
| Other private income                                    | 11.7                                                                        | * 3.3               | ..                           | 4.6                  |
| Government pensions and benefits                        | ..                                                                          | 73.0                | 100.0                        | 61.3                 |
| Total                                                   | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0               | 100.0                        | 100.0                |
| Sex:                                                    |                                                                             |                     |                              |                      |
| Male                                                    | 20.5                                                                        | * 4.2               | 11.0                         | 12.2                 |
| Female                                                  | 79.5                                                                        | 95.8                | 89.0                         | 87.8                 |
| Total                                                   | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0               | 100.0                        | 100.0                |
| Age:                                                    |                                                                             |                     |                              |                      |
| 15 — 24                                                 | 4.5                                                                         | 10.3                | 22.0                         | 13.4                 |
| 25 — 44                                                 | 72.8                                                                        | 80.2                | 65.9                         | 71.8                 |
| 45 and over                                             | 22.7                                                                        | 9.5                 | 12.2                         | 14.8                 |
| Total                                                   | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0               | 100.0                        | 100.0                |
| Number of dependent children:                           |                                                                             |                     |                              |                      |
| 1 child                                                 | 59.0                                                                        | 38.1                | 55.9                         | 52.2                 |
| 2 or more children                                      | 41.0                                                                        | 61.9                | 44.1                         | 47.8                 |
| Total                                                   | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0               | 100.0                        | 100.0                |
| Labour force status:                                    |                                                                             |                     |                              |                      |
| In the labour force —                                   |                                                                             |                     |                              |                      |
| Employed                                                | 92.5                                                                        | 57.2                | * 2.5                        | 45.4                 |
| Unemployed                                              | * 1.4                                                                       | 12.5                | 24.7                         | 14.1                 |
| Total labour force                                      | 93.9                                                                        | 69.7                | 27.1                         | 59.5                 |
| Not in the labour force                                 | 6.1                                                                         | 30.3                | 72.9                         | 40.5                 |
| Total                                                   | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0               | 100.0                        | 100.0                |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                            |                                                                             |                     |                              |                      |
| Owners                                                  | 21.2                                                                        | 16.7                | 7.7                          | 14.3                 |
| Purchasers                                              | 38.8                                                                        | 20.3                | 9.0                          | 21.4                 |
| Renters — government                                    | 7.7                                                                         | 19.9                | 34.9                         | 22.3                 |
| — private                                               | 19.2                                                                        | 32.2                | 22.0                         | 23.8                 |
| — resident relative                                     | * 2.8                                                                       | * 4.0               | 11.4                         | 6.7                  |
| — other                                                 | 4.3                                                                         | * 2.1               | 4.6                          | 3.9                  |
| Total renters                                           | 34.0                                                                        | 58.3                | 72.9                         | 56.7                 |
| Rent-free                                               | 5.6                                                                         | * 4.3               | 8.6                          | 6.5                  |
| Total(a)                                                | 100.0                                                                       | 100.0               | 100.0                        | 100.0                |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 24. ONE-PERSON INCOME UNITS: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY GROSS WEEKLY INCOME QUINTILE GROUP  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Characteristics of income units                                                 | Gross weekly income quintile |        |       |        |         | All<br>one-person<br>units |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|---------|----------------------------|
|                                                                                 | Lowest                       | Second | Third | Fourth | Highest |                            |
| — Dollars per week —                                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Upper boundary of quintile group                                                | 147                          | 207    | 357   | 501    | n.a.    | n.a.                       |
| Mean income                                                                     | 108                          | 171    | 281   | 427    | 744     | 345                        |
| Median income                                                                   | 129                          | 168    | 281   | 424    | 641     | 280                        |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                    |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Principal source of gross income:                                               |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Wages or salary                                                                 | 10.8                         | 16.6   | 69.6  | 91.6   | 86.7    | 55.0                       |
| Own business, trade or profession                                               | 1.4                          | 1.4    | 3.5   | 3.4    | 5.9     | 3.1                        |
| Other private income                                                            | 16.8                         | 4.6    | 11.5  | 4.2    | 7.4     | 9.0                        |
| Government pensions and benefits                                                | 71.0                         | 77.4   | 15.4  | 0.8    | —       | 32.9                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Sex:                                                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Male                                                                            | 42.1                         | 35.4   | 44.8  | 60.4   | 65.6    | 49.7                       |
| Female                                                                          | 57.9                         | 64.6   | 55.2  | 39.6   | 34.4    | 50.3                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Age:                                                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| 15 — 24                                                                         | 36.2                         | 18.0   | 56.8  | 48.3   | 22.0    | 36.3                       |
| 25 — 44                                                                         | 17.8                         | 10.5   | 14.3  | 35.8   | 54.9    | 26.7                       |
| 45 — 64                                                                         | 19.6                         | 20.3   | 10.3  | 12.5   | 18.8    | 16.3                       |
| 65 and over                                                                     | 26.4                         | 51.2   | 18.7  | 3.4    | 4.4     | 20.7                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Labour force status:                                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| In the labour force —                                                           |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Employed                                                                        | 17.1                         | 22.4   | 76.2  | 96.1   | 94.7    | 61.2                       |
| Unemployed                                                                      | 29.9                         | 5.6    | * 0.6 | * 0.1  | * 0.1   | 7.4                        |
| Total labour force                                                              | 47.0                         | 28.0   | 76.8  | 96.2   | 94.8    | 68.6                       |
| Not in the labour force                                                         | 53.0                         | 72.0   | 23.2  | 3.8    | 5.2     | 31.4                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions<br>and benefits to gross income: |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Nil and less than 1                                                             | 27.7                         | 20.0   | 78.0  | 97.3   | 96.7    | 63.9                       |
| 1 and less than 20                                                              | * 0.3                        | 0.8    | 2.1   | 0.8    | 1.8     | 1.2                        |
| 20 and less than 50                                                             | 0.9                          | 2.0    | 4.8   | 1.3    | 1.5     | 2.1                        |
| 50 and less than 90                                                             | 4.2                          | 27.8   | 8.9   | * 0.3  | —       | 8.1                        |
| 90 and over                                                                     | 66.9                         | 49.4   | 6.2   | * 0.3  | —       | 24.7                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                    |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Owners                                                                          | 25.6                         | 40.2   | 19.0  | 9.6    | 17.2    | 22.3                       |
| Purchasers                                                                      | 3.8                          | 2.9    | 4.1   | 8.6    | 20.3    | 7.9                        |
| Renters — government                                                            | 9.2                          | 5.6    | 1.7   | 1.0    | 0.7     | 3.7                        |
| — private                                                                       | 12.0                         | 14.1   | 17.7  | 25.9   | 26.5    | 19.2                       |
| — resident relative                                                             | 14.7                         | 14.2   | 30.3  | 29.0   | 15.1    | 20.7                       |
| — other                                                                         | 4.7                          | 4.9    | 5.3   | 7.7    | 6.6     | 5.8                        |
| Total renters                                                                   | 40.6                         | 38.9   | 55.0  | 63.6   | 48.9    | 49.4                       |
| Rent-free                                                                       | 27.5                         | 14.8   | 20.6  | 16.8   | 12.5    | 18.5                       |
| Total(a)                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0   | 100.0                      |
| — '000 —                                                                        |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Estimated number of income units in:                                            |                              |        |       |        |         |                            |
| Capital city                                                                    | 462.4                        | 427.3  | 445.2 | 499.6  | 538.8   | 2,373.3                    |
| Rest of State                                                                   | 262.0                        | 267.2  | 259.8 | 209.6  | 164.9   | 1,163.5                    |
| Total                                                                           | 724.4                        | 694.5  | 705.0 | 709.2  | 703.7   | 3,536.9                    |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 25. ONE-PERSON INCOME UNITS : GROSS WEEKLY INCOME BY CAPITAL CITY/REST OF STATE  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income (\$)          | NSW     | Vic.  | Qld   | SA    | WA    | Tas.  | NT(a) | ACT(a) | Total   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| CAPITAL CITY STATISTICAL DIVISION |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |         |
| —'000—                            |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |         |
| 1 — 49                            | 28.6    | 17.1  | * 4.5 | 7.1   | 8.9   | * 1.7 | * 1.2 | * 0.7  | 69.9    |
| 50 — 99                           | 19.7    | 15.4  | 13.3  | 5.1   | * 4.1 | * 1.5 | —     | * 1.5  | 60.7    |
| 100 — 149                         | 125.7   | 90.3  | 44.6  | 41.1  | 39.6  | 7.5   | * 1.9 | 7.0    | 357.8   |
| 150 — 199                         | 112.4   | 100.3 | 47.5  | 39.5  | 38.2  | 6.6   | * 3.4 | 6.6    | 354.4   |
| 200 — 249                         | 58.5    | 46.7  | 19.0  | 18.4  | 18.0  | * 3.8 | * 0.7 | * 3.7  | 168.8   |
| 250 — 299                         | 39.7    | 37.8  | 23.0  | 16.1  | 16.9  | * 2.3 | * 2.2 | * 1.3  | 139.4   |
| 300 — 349                         | 48.8    | 42.4  | 23.2  | 14.7  | 14.5  | * 1.9 | * 3.5 | * 4.5  | 153.5   |
| 350 — 399                         | 50.6    | 46.5  | 25.0  | 17.7  | 19.8  | * 3.9 | * 2.5 | * 3.0  | 169.0   |
| 400 — 449                         | 50.5    | 55.4  | 19.8  | 16.7  | 21.1  | * 3.0 | * 4.7 | 5.8    | 176.9   |
| 450 — 499                         | 59.4    | 46.4  | 18.2  | 17.6  | 14.6  | * 2.2 | * 2.9 | * 2.8  | 163.9   |
| 500 — 599                         | 67.9    | 71.6  | 25.2  | 15.3  | 22.3  | * 2.6 | * 2.3 | 10.2   | 217.5   |
| 600 — 699                         | 54.4    | 46.0  | 11.3  | 11.3  | 10.3  | * 1.5 | * 4.2 | 5.7    | 144.7   |
| 700 and over                      | 80.4    | 67.7  | 11.5  | 7.2   | 18.2  | * 2.4 | * 3.7 | 5.9    | 197.0   |
| Total                             | 796.7   | 683.5 | 286.2 | 227.7 | 246.6 | 40.9  | 33.2  | 58.6   | 2,373.3 |
| — Dollars per week—               |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |         |
| Mean income                       | 377     | 390   | 323   | 305   | 348   | 308   | 433   | 415    | 365     |
| Median income                     | 307     | 338   | 269   | 255   | 293   | 235   | 407   | 407    | 307     |
| REST OF STATE                     |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |         |
| —'000—                            |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |         |
| 1 — 49                            | 14.4    | 5.6   | 7.4   | * 1.7 | * 2.5 | * 2.0 | —     | —      | 33.6    |
| 50 — 99                           | 14.5    | 5.3   | 12.0  | * 1.5 | * 3.4 | * 1.6 | —     | —      | 38.3    |
| 100 — 149                         | 78.9    | 48.2  | 49.7  | 12.3  | 13.6  | 10.0  | —     | —      | 212.7   |
| 150 — 199                         | 79.7    | 46.3  | 64.7  | 17.0  | 9.0   | 10.2  | —     | —      | 226.9   |
| 200 — 249                         | 31.6    | 22.6  | 28.8  | 4.9   | 6.6   | * 4.8 | —     | —      | 99.2    |
| 250 — 299                         | 25.5    | 17.6  | 26.4  | * 2.6 | 7.0   | * 2.4 | —     | —      | 81.5    |
| 300 — 349                         | 31.1    | 14.3  | 21.9  | * 4.7 | * 3.7 | * 3.5 | —     | —      | 79.2    |
| 350 — 399                         | 26.3    | 16.9  | 24.9  | 7.5   | * 4.1 | * 4.7 | —     | —      | 84.3    |
| 400 — 449                         | 29.0    | 16.3  | 17.4  | * 4.0 | 5.7   | * 2.6 | —     | —      | 74.9    |
| 450 — 499                         | 16.5    | 16.0  | 20.0  | * 2.4 | * 3.9 | * 1.6 | —     | —      | 60.4    |
| 500 — 599                         | 26.5    | 15.9  | 17.9  | * 3.7 | 4.9   | * 4.2 | —     | —      | 73.1    |
| 600 — 699                         | 17.1    | 6.2   | 10.2  | * 2.2 | * 1.0 | * 1.7 | —     | —      | 38.4    |
| 700 and over                      | 15.2    | 16.0  | 16.5  | * 2.8 | 7.4   | * 3.1 | —     | —      | 61.1    |
| Total                             | 406.4   | 247.1 | 317.9 | 67.1  | 72.8  | 52.3  | —     | —      | 1,163.5 |
| — Dollars per week—               |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |         |
| Mean income                       | 295     | 315   | 311   | 288   | 332   | 302   | —     | —      | 305     |
| Median income                     | 227     | 242   | 243   | 218   | 263   | 215   | —     | —      | 233     |
| TOTAL                             |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |         |
| —'000—                            |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |         |
| 1 — 49                            | 43.0    | 22.7  | 11.9  | 8.8   | 11.4  | * 3.7 | * 1.2 | * 0.7  | 103.4   |
| 50 — 99                           | 34.2    | 20.7  | 25.3  | 6.6   | 7.5   | * 3.2 | —     | * 1.5  | 99.0    |
| 100 — 149                         | 204.6   | 138.5 | 94.3  | 53.3  | 53.2  | 17.5  | * 1.9 | 7.0    | 570.4   |
| 150 — 199                         | 192.1   | 146.6 | 112.2 | 56.5  | 47.2  | 16.8  | * 3.4 | 6.6    | 581.3   |
| 200 — 249                         | 90.1    | 69.3  | 47.8  | 23.3  | 24.6  | 8.6   | * 0.7 | * 3.7  | 267.9   |
| 250 — 299                         | 65.2    | 55.4  | 49.4  | 18.7  | 23.9  | * 4.7 | * 2.2 | * 1.3  | 220.9   |
| 300 — 349                         | 79.9    | 56.7  | 45.1  | 19.4  | 18.2  | 5.4   | * 3.5 | * 4.5  | 232.8   |
| 350 — 399                         | 76.9    | 63.4  | 49.9  | 25.2  | 23.9  | 8.5   | * 2.5 | * 3.0  | 253.3   |
| 400 — 449                         | 79.5    | 71.6  | 37.2  | 20.6  | 26.8  | 5.6   | * 4.7 | 5.8    | 251.8   |
| 450 — 499                         | 75.9    | 62.4  | 38.2  | 19.9  | 18.5  | * 3.7 | * 2.9 | * 2.8  | 224.3   |
| 500 — 599                         | 94.5    | 87.5  | 43.1  | 19.0  | 27.2  | 6.8   | * 2.3 | 10.2   | 290.6   |
| 600 — 699                         | 71.6    | 52.1  | 21.6  | 13.5  | 11.3  | * 3.1 | * 4.2 | 5.7    | 183.1   |
| 700 and over                      | 95.6    | 83.7  | 28.0  | 10.0  | 25.6  | 5.5   | * 3.7 | 5.9    | 258.1   |
| Total                             | 1,203.1 | 930.6 | 604.1 | 294.8 | 319.3 | 93.1  | 33.2  | 58.6   | 3,536.9 |
| — Dollars per week—               |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |         |
| Mean income                       | 349     | 370   | 316   | 301   | 345   | 304   | 433   | 415    | 345     |
| Median income                     | 272     | 305   | 257   | 248   | 287   | 222   | 407   | 407    | 280     |

(a) Separate numbers for capital city/rest of State are not available.

TABLE 26. ONE-PERSON INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY AGE  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics<br>of income units                      | Age of person                |         |         |         |         |             | All<br>one-person<br>units |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|----------------------------|
|                                                                                 | 15 - 24                      | 25 - 34 | 35 - 44 | 45 - 54 | 55 - 64 | 65 and over |                            |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                        | — '000 —                     |         |         |         |         |             |                            |
| 1 — 49                                                                          | 55.8                         | 19.7    | 8.2     | * 4.6   | 7.2     | 7.9         | 103.4                      |
| 50 — 99                                                                         | 60.9                         | 8.6     | * 2.7   | 5.1     | 10.5    | 11.1        | 99.0                       |
| 100 — 149                                                                       | 149.8                        | 63.2    | 30.3    | 45.7    | 78.0    | 203.4       | 570.4                      |
| 150 — 199                                                                       | 96.3                         | 40.3    | 22.2    | 36.9    | 84.1    | 301.5       | 581.3                      |
| 200 — 249                                                                       | 114.3                        | 16.4    | 13.2    | 13.7    | 20.8    | 89.5        | 267.9                      |
| 250 — 299                                                                       | 133.6                        | 17.1    | 5.2     | 12.5    | 9.8     | 42.6        | 220.9                      |
| 300 — 349                                                                       | 144.6                        | 35.2    | 9.5     | 11.7    | 10.2    | 21.6        | 232.8                      |
| 350 — 399                                                                       | 138.3                        | 63.4    | 10.8    | 17.7    | 13.6    | 9.5         | 253.3                      |
| 400 — 449                                                                       | 121.6                        | 67.4    | 21.1    | 18.8    | 15.3    | 7.6         | 251.8                      |
| 450 — 499                                                                       | 103.3                        | 66.1    | 23.6    | 15.7    | 8.3     | 7.2         | 224.3                      |
| 500 — 599                                                                       | 98.0                         | 102.0   | 42.3    | 26.7    | 13.6    | 8.1         | 290.6                      |
| 600 — 699                                                                       | 41.8                         | 68.5    | 31.7    | 21.3    | 14.7    | 5.1         | 183.1                      |
| 700 and over                                                                    | 26.3                         | 96.8    | 57.6    | 33.9    | 25.4    | 18.2        | 258.1                      |
| Total                                                                           | 1,284.6                      | 664.7   | 278.4   | 264.3   | 311.5   | 733.4       | 3,536.9                    |
|                                                                                 | — Dollars per week —         |         |         |         |         |             |                            |
| Mean income                                                                     | 313                          | 473     | 500     | 411     | 322     | 214         | 345                        |
| Median income                                                                   | 308                          | 449     | 481     | 353     | 178     | 167         | 280                        |
|                                                                                 | — Per cent of income units — |         |         |         |         |             |                            |
| Principal source of gross income:                                               |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                            |
| Wages or salary                                                                 | 79.8                         | 76.0    | 68.9    | 56.2    | 22.4    | * 0.6       | 55.0                       |
| Own business, trade or profession                                               | 1.8                          | 5.1     | 6.5     | 5.0     | 4.3     | 1.1         | 3.1                        |
| Other private income                                                            | 4.7                          | 5.2     | 6.9     | 9.4     | 17.8    | 16.7        | 9.0                        |
| Government pensions and benefits                                                | 13.7                         | 13.7    | 17.7    | 29.4    | 55.5    | 81.6        | 32.9                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0                      |
| Sex:                                                                            |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                            |
| Male                                                                            | 57.0                         | 66.4    | 60.2    | 47.5    | 39.0    | 22.9        | 49.7                       |
| Female                                                                          | 43.0                         | 33.6    | 39.8    | 52.5    | 61.0    | 77.1        | 50.3                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0                      |
| Labour force status:                                                            |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                            |
| In the labour force —                                                           |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                            |
| Employed                                                                        | 84.0                         | 84.1    | 78.3    | 67.4    | 33.2    | 3.7         | 61.2                       |
| Unemployed                                                                      | 10.9                         | 8.9     | 9.3     | 8.2     | 4.2     | * 0.2       | 7.4                        |
| Total labour force                                                              | 94.9                         | 93.0    | 87.6    | 75.6    | 37.4    | 3.8         | 68.6                       |
| Not in the labour force                                                         | 5.1                          | 7.0     | 12.4    | 24.4    | 62.6    | 96.2        | 31.4                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0                      |
| Percentage contribution of government<br>pensions and benefits to gross income: |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                            |
| Nil and less than 1                                                             | 84.4                         | 84.9    | 80.9    | 67.6    | 38.7    | 11.8        | 63.9                       |
| 1 and less than 20                                                              | 0.8                          | * 0.4   | * 0.6   | * 1.7   | 2.7     | 1.9         | 1.2                        |
| 20 and less than 50                                                             | 1.2                          | 1.0     | * 0.8   | * 1.3   | 3.2     | 5.0         | 2.1                        |
| 50 and less than 90                                                             | 2.0                          | 1.4     | * 1.1   | 3.6     | 13.4    | 27.1        | 8.1                        |
| 90 and over                                                                     | 11.7                         | 12.3    | 16.6    | 25.6    | 42.0    | 54.1        | 24.7                       |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0                      |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                    |                              |         |         |         |         |             |                            |
| Owners                                                                          | 0.6                          | 3.4     | 15.3    | 29.8    | 52.4    | 64.5        | 22.3                       |
| Purchasers                                                                      | 1.4                          | 13.5    | 24.3    | 19.7    | 8.7     | 3.5         | 7.9                        |
| Renters — government                                                            | 0.4                          | 1.3     | 4.6     | 8.5     | 7.4     | 7.9         | 3.7                        |
| — private                                                                       | 19.3                         | 33.9    | 27.8    | 19.0    | 12.2    | 5.6         | 19.2                       |
| — resident relative                                                             | 39.3                         | 22.5    | 8.8     | 5.6     | 3.7     | 3.5         | 20.7                       |
| — other                                                                         | 7.2                          | 9.7     | 4.7     | 4.3     | 1.7     | 2.6         | 5.8                        |
| Total renters                                                                   | 66.2                         | 67.3    | 46.0    | 37.4    | 25.1    | 19.6        | 49.4                       |
| Rent-free                                                                       | 30.8                         | 14.3    | 11.1    | 8.0     | 10.0    | 11.0        | 18.5                       |
| Total(a)                                                                        | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0                      |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 27. ONE-PERSON INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER–DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Principal source of income |              |         |                      |         |                                  | All one-person units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                                              | Private income             |              |         |                      |         | Government pensions and benefits |                      |
|                                                                              | Earned income              |              |         | Other private income | Total   |                                  |                      |
|                                                                              | Wages or salary            | Own business | Total   |                      |         |                                  |                      |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     | — '000 —                   |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                      |
| 1 — 49                                                                       | 5.8                        | * 3.3        | 9.1     | 80.5                 | 89.6    | 13.9                             | 103.4                |
| 50 — 99                                                                      | 26.3                       | * 1.5        | 27.7    | 25.2                 | 52.9    | 46.1                             | 99.0                 |
| 100 — 149                                                                    | 48.1                       | 5.8          | 53.9    | 16.6                 | 70.4    | 500.0                            | 570.4                |
| 150 — 199                                                                    | 84.9                       | 7.8          | 92.7    | 26.6                 | 119.3   | 462.0                            | 581.3                |
| 200 — 249                                                                    | 129.6                      | 7.3          | 136.9   | 29.2                 | 166.0   | 101.9                            | 267.9                |
| 250 — 299                                                                    | 152.4                      | 10.9         | 163.3   | 31.1                 | 194.4   | 26.5                             | 220.9                |
| 300 — 349                                                                    | 191.4                      | 7.7          | 199.0   | 24.7                 | 223.8   | 9.0                              | 232.8                |
| 350 — 399                                                                    | 231.9                      | 7.4          | 239.3   | 10.8                 | 250.2   | * 3.1                            | 253.3                |
| 400 — 449                                                                    | 232.3                      | 8.9          | 241.2   | 9.8                  | 251.0   | * 0.8                            | 251.8                |
| 450 — 499                                                                    | 206.0                      | 7.2          | 213.2   | 9.1                  | 222.3   | * 2.0                            | 224.3                |
| 500 — 599                                                                    | 264.5                      | 11.4         | 275.9   | 14.7                 | 290.6   | —                                | 290.6                |
| 600 — 699                                                                    | 168.3                      | * 4.4        | 172.7   | 10.4                 | 183.1   | —                                | 183.1                |
| 700 and over                                                                 | 203.3                      | 26.2         | 229.5   | 28.6                 | 258.1   | —                                | 258.1                |
| Total                                                                        | 1,944.6                    | 109.9        | 2,054.5 | 317.1                | 2,371.6 | 1,165.3                          | 3,536.9              |
| — Dollars per week —                                                         |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                      |
| Mean income                                                                  | 452                        | 551          | 457     | 309                  | 438     | 158                              | 345                  |
| Median income                                                                | 415                        | 411          | 415     | 215                  | 403     | 151                              | 280                  |
| — Per cent of income units —                                                 |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                      |
| Sex:                                                                         |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                      |
| Male                                                                         | 58.2                       | 81.7         | 59.5    | 45.4                 | 57.6    | 33.5                             | 49.7                 |
| Female                                                                       | 41.8                       | 18.3         | 40.5    | 54.6                 | 42.4    | 66.5                             | 50.3                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0                |
| Age:                                                                         |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                      |
| 15 — 24                                                                      | 52.7                       | 21.6         | 51.0    | 19.0                 | 46.8    | 15.1                             | 36.3                 |
| 25 — 44                                                                      | 35.9                       | 47.1         | 36.5    | 17.0                 | 33.9    | 12.0                             | 26.7                 |
| 45 — 64                                                                      | 11.2                       | 24.3         | 11.9    | 25.3                 | 13.7    | 21.5                             | 16.3                 |
| 65 and over                                                                  | * 0.2                      | 7.1          | 0.6     | 38.7                 | 5.7     | 51.4                             | 20.7                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0                |
| Labour force status:                                                         |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                      |
| In the labour force —                                                        |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                      |
| Employed                                                                     | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 18.1                 | 89.1    | 4.5                              | 61.2                 |
| Unemployed                                                                   | ..                         | ..           | ..      | 14.8                 | 2.0     | 18.4                             | 7.4                  |
| Total labour force                                                           | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 32.9                 | 91.0    | 22.9                             | 68.6                 |
| Not in the labour force                                                      | ..                         | ..           | ..      | 67.1                 | 9.0     | 77.1                             | 31.4                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0                |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                      |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 97.5                       | 97.2         | 97.5    | 80.9                 | 95.3    | ..                               | 63.9                 |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 1.2                        | * 0.5        | 1.1     | 5.7                  | 1.7     | ..                               | 1.2                  |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 1.3                        | * 2.3        | 1.3     | 13.4                 | 3.0     | * 0.3                            | 2.1                  |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | ..                         | ..           | ..      | ..                   | ..      | 24.7                             | 8.1                  |
| 90 and over                                                                  | ..                         | ..           | ..      | ..                   | ..      | 75.0                             | 24.7                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0                |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                            |              |         |                      |         |                                  |                      |
| Owners                                                                       | 6.4                        | 28.8         | 7.6     | 51.7                 | 13.5    | 40.1                             | 22.3                 |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 10.3                       | 14.3         | 10.6    | 5.7                  | 9.9     | 3.9                              | 7.9                  |
| Renters — government                                                         | 1.0                        | * 0.7        | 1.0     | * 0.6                | 0.9     | 9.3                              | 3.7                  |
| — private                                                                    | 24.8                       | 17.6         | 24.4    | 11.2                 | 22.7    | 12.3                             | 19.2                 |
| — resident relative                                                          | 28.7                       | 17.4         | 28.1    | 5.3                  | 25.0    | 11.8                             | 20.7                 |
| — other                                                                      | 7.2                        | * 2.8        | 7.0     | 3.8                  | 6.5     | 4.4                              | 5.8                  |
| Total renters                                                                | 61.7                       | 38.6         | 60.4    | 20.9                 | 55.1    | 37.8                             | 49.4                 |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 20.3                       | 16.8         | 20.1    | 20.4                 | 20.2    | 15.1                             | 18.5                 |
| Total(a)                                                                     | 100.0                      | 100.0        | 100.0   | 100.0                | 100.0   | 100.0                            | 100.0                |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

**TABLE 28. ONE-PERSON INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT PENSIONS AND BENEFITS TO TOTAL INCOME**  
**AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990**

| <i>Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units</i> | <i>Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to total income</i> |                           |                            |                    | <i>All one-person units</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                                | <i>Nil and less than 1</i>                                                         | <i>1 and less than 20</i> | <i>20 and less than 90</i> | <i>90 and over</i> |                             |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                       | — '000 —                                                                           |                           |                            |                    |                             |
| 1 — 49                                                         | 88.7                                                                               | —                         | * 1.8                      | 12.9               | 103.4                       |
| 50 — 99                                                        | 49.1                                                                               | * 1.5                     | 6.6                        | 41.8               | 99.0                        |
| 100 — 149                                                      | 65.1                                                                               | * 1.0                     | 32.1                       | 472.2              | 570.4                       |
| 150 — 199                                                      | 105.0                                                                              | 5.2                       | 180.7                      | 290.4              | 581.3                       |
| 200 — 249                                                      | 144.9                                                                              | * 3.6                     | 73.3                       | 46.1               | 267.9                       |
| 250 — 299                                                      | 176.7                                                                              | 6.3                       | 32.7                       | 5.3                | 220.9                       |
| 300 — 349                                                      | 212.5                                                                              | 5.7                       | 11.8                       | * 2.8              | 232.8                       |
| 350 — 399                                                      | 244.6                                                                              | * 2.7                     | 5.2                        | * 0.8              | 253.3                       |
| 400 — 449                                                      | 245.2                                                                              | * 1.6                     | * 4.6                      | * 0.4              | 251.8                       |
| 450 — 499                                                      | 219.1                                                                              | * 1.1                     | * 3.0                      | * 1.1              | 224.3                       |
| 500 — 599                                                      | 282.3                                                                              | * 3.8                     | * 4.5                      | —                  | 290.6                       |
| 600 — 699                                                      | 177.5                                                                              | * 1.5                     | * 4.1                      | —                  | 183.1                       |
| 700 and over                                                   | 248.6                                                                              | 7.5                       | * 2.0                      | —                  | 258.1                       |
| <b>Total</b>                                                   | <b>2,259.3</b>                                                                     | <b>41.5</b>               | <b>362.2</b>               | <b>873.9</b>       | <b>3,536.9</b>              |
| — Dollars per week —                                           |                                                                                    |                           |                            |                    |                             |
| Mean income                                                    | 441                                                                                | 435                       | 214                        | 147                | 345                         |
| Median income                                                  | 406                                                                                | 325                       | 185                        | 148                | 280                         |
| — Per cent of income units —                                   |                                                                                    |                           |                            |                    |                             |
| Principal source of gross income:                              |                                                                                    |                           |                            |                    |                             |
| Wages or salary                                                | 83.9                                                                               | 55.3                      | 7.1                        | ..                 | 55.0                        |
| Own business, trade or profession                              | 4.7                                                                                | * 1.4                     | * 0.7                      | ..                 | 3.1                         |
| Other private income                                           | 11.4                                                                               | 43.2                      | 11.7                       | ..                 | 9.0                         |
| Government pensions and benefits                               | ..                                                                                 | ..                        | 80.4                       | 100.0              | 32.9                        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                   | <b>100.0</b>                                                                       | <b>100.0</b>              | <b>100.0</b>               | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>                |
| Sex:                                                           |                                                                                    |                           |                            |                    |                             |
| Male                                                           | 58.7                                                                               | 35.4                      | 29.0                       | 35.5               | 49.7                        |
| Female                                                         | 41.3                                                                               | 64.6                      | 71.0                       | 64.5               | 50.3                        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                   | <b>100.0</b>                                                                       | <b>100.0</b>              | <b>100.0</b>               | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>                |
| Age:                                                           |                                                                                    |                           |                            |                    |                             |
| 15 — 24                                                        | 48.0                                                                               | 24.7                      | 11.2                       | 17.2               | 36.3                        |
| 25 — 44                                                        | 34.9                                                                               | * 10.7                    | 5.8                        | 14.7               | 26.7                        |
| 45 — 64                                                        | 13.3                                                                               | 31.1                      | 17.9                       | 22.7               | 16.3                        |
| 65 and over                                                    | 3.8                                                                                | 33.4                      | 65.1                       | 45.4               | 20.7                        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                   | <b>100.0</b>                                                                       | <b>100.0</b>              | <b>100.0</b>               | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>                |
| Labour force status:                                           |                                                                                    |                           |                            |                    |                             |
| In the labour force —                                          |                                                                                    |                           |                            |                    |                             |
| Employed                                                       | 91.0                                                                               | 59.9                      | 19.9                       | 1.2                | 61.2                        |
| Unemployed                                                     | 2.1                                                                                | —                         | 3.2                        | 23.2               | 7.4                         |
| <b>Total labour force</b>                                      | <b>93.1</b>                                                                        | <b>59.9</b>               | <b>23.2</b>                | <b>24.4</b>        | <b>68.6</b>                 |
| Not in the labour force                                        | 6.9                                                                                | 40.1                      | 76.8                       | 75.6               | 31.4                        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                   | <b>100.0</b>                                                                       | <b>100.0</b>              | <b>100.0</b>               | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>                |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                   |                                                                                    |                           |                            |                    |                             |
| Owners                                                         | 11.9                                                                               | 42.9                      | 60.1                       | 32.4               | 22.3                        |
| Purchasers                                                     | 10.2                                                                               | * 2.8                     | 4.6                        | 3.8                | 7.9                         |
| Renters — government                                           | 0.9                                                                                | * 0.7                     | 3.3                        | 11.2               | 3.7                         |
| — private                                                      | 23.0                                                                               | 22.3                      | 8.7                        | 13.8               | 19.2                        |
| — resident relative                                            | 26.1                                                                               | * 4.4                     | 5.0                        | 14.0               | 20.7                        |
| — other                                                        | 6.5                                                                                | * 6.6                     | 3.1                        | 5.1                | 5.8                         |
| <b>Total renters</b>                                           | <b>56.5</b>                                                                        | <b>34.0</b>               | <b>20.1</b>                | <b>44.1</b>        | <b>49.4</b>                 |
| Rent-free                                                      | 20.2                                                                               | 17.8                      | 13.5                       | 16.1               | 18.5                        |
| <b>Total(a)</b>                                                | <b>100.0</b>                                                                       | <b>100.0</b>              | <b>100.0</b>               | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>                |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

TABLE 29. ONE-PERSON INCOME UNITS: GROSS WEEKLY INCOME AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS BY LABOUR FORCE STATUS AND SEX, AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER–DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics of income units                      | Labour force status |            |                     |                     | Sex     |         | All one-person units |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|
|                                                                              | Employed            | Unemployed | In the labour force | Not in labour force | Male    | Female  |                      |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                     | —'000—              |            |                     |                     |         |         |                      |
| 1 — 49                                                                       | 25.1                | 40.7       | 65.8                | 37.6                | 59.6    | 43.8    | 103.4                |
| 50 — 99                                                                      | 37.1                | 22.5       | 59.6                | 39.4                | 46.2    | 52.7    | 99.0                 |
| 100 — 149                                                                    | 64.3                | 158.0      | 222.3               | 348.2               | 215.0   | 355.5   | 570.4                |
| 150 — 199                                                                    | 119.7               | 33.2       | 152.9               | 428.3               | 206.5   | 374.8   | 581.3                |
| 200 — 249                                                                    | 152.0               | * 2.4      | 154.3               | 113.6               | 99.9    | 168.1   | 267.9                |
| 250 — 299                                                                    | 167.9               | * 1.7      | 169.6               | 51.2                | 95.6    | 125.3   | 220.9                |
| 300 — 349                                                                    | 203.2               | * 1.1      | 204.4               | 28.4                | 116.8   | 115.9   | 232.8                |
| 350 — 399                                                                    | 241.7               | —          | 241.7               | 11.6                | 141.2   | 112.1   | 253.3                |
| 400 — 449                                                                    | 245.2               | * 0.6      | 245.8               | 6.0                 | 155.4   | 96.4    | 251.8                |
| 450 — 499                                                                    | 215.7               | —          | 215.7               | 8.6                 | 140.2   | 84.1    | 224.3                |
| 500 — 599                                                                    | 277.7               | * 0.5      | 278.2               | 12.5                | 177.0   | 113.6   | 290.6                |
| 600 — 699                                                                    | 176.2               | * 0.4      | 176.5               | 6.6                 | 117.9   | 65.3    | 183.1                |
| 700 and over                                                                 | 238.7               | —          | 238.7               | 19.4                | 185.6   | 72.5    | 258.1                |
| Total                                                                        | 2,164.5             | 261.0      | 2,425.5             | 1,111.4             | 1,756.8 | 1,780.0 | 3,536.9              |
| —Dollars per week—                                                           |                     |            |                     |                     |         |         |                      |
| Mean income                                                                  | 451                 | 113        | 415                 | 193                 | 399     | 293     | 345                  |
| Median income                                                                | 410                 | 129        | 387                 | 159                 | 363     | 215     | 280                  |
| —Per cent of income units—                                                   |                     |            |                     |                     |         |         |                      |
| Principal source of gross income:                                            |                     |            |                     |                     |         |         |                      |
| Wages or salary                                                              | 89.8                | ..         | 80.2                | ..                  | 64.5    | 45.6    | 55.0                 |
| Own business, trade or profession                                            | 5.1                 | ..         | 4.5                 | ..                  | 5.1     | 1.1     | 3.1                  |
| Other private income                                                         | 2.7                 | 18.0       | 4.3                 | 19.1                | 8.2     | 9.7     | 9.0                  |
| Government pensions and benefits                                             | 2.4                 | 82.0       | 11.0                | 80.9                | 22.2    | 43.5    | 32.9                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0                |
| Sex:                                                                         |                     |            |                     |                     |         |         |                      |
| Male                                                                         | 59.2                | 61.6       | 59.5                | 28.2                | 100.0   | ..      | 49.7                 |
| Female                                                                       | 40.8                | 38.4       | 40.5                | 71.8                | ..      | 100.0   | 50.3                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0                |
| Age:                                                                         |                     |            |                     |                     |         |         |                      |
| 15 — 24                                                                      | 49.9                | 53.5       | 50.3                | 5.9                 | 41.7    | 31.0    | 36.3                 |
| 25 — 44                                                                      | 35.9                | 32.6       | 35.5                | 7.3                 | 34.7    | 18.8    | 26.7                 |
| 45 — 64                                                                      | 13.0                | 13.4       | 13.0                | 23.3                | 14.1    | 18.5    | 16.3                 |
| 65 and over                                                                  | 1.2                 | * 0.5      | 1.2                 | 63.5                | 9.6     | 31.8    | 20.7                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0                |
| Percentage contribution of government pensions and benefits to gross income: |                     |            |                     |                     |         |         |                      |
| Nil and less than 1                                                          | 95.0                | 17.9       | 86.7                | 14.0                | 75.5    | 52.4    | 63.9                 |
| 1 and less than 20                                                           | 1.1                 | —          | 1.0                 | 1.5                 | 0.8     | 1.5     | 1.2                  |
| 20 and less than 50                                                          | 1.4                 | * 0.1      | 1.3                 | 3.9                 | 1.4     | 2.8     | 2.1                  |
| 50 and less than 90                                                          | 1.9                 | 4.4        | 2.2                 | 21.2                | 4.6     | 11.7    | 8.1                  |
| 90 and over                                                                  | 0.5                 | 77.6       | 8.8                 | 59.4                | 17.7    | 31.7    | 24.7                 |
| Total                                                                        | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0                |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                 |                     |            |                     |                     |         |         |                      |
| Owners                                                                       | 8.8                 | 5.6        | 8.4                 | 52.5                | 13.7    | 30.8    | 22.3                 |
| Purchasers                                                                   | 10.5                | 3.3        | 9.7                 | 4.1                 | 8.5     | 7.4     | 7.9                  |
| Renters — government                                                         | 1.0                 | 4.0        | 1.3                 | 8.8                 | 1.7     | 5.6     | 3.7                  |
| — private                                                                    | 23.9                | 24.1       | 23.9                | 9.0                 | 21.1    | 17.4    | 19.2                 |
| — resident relative                                                          | 27.3                | 26.6       | 27.3                | 6.3                 | 26.1    | 15.3    | 20.7                 |
| — other                                                                      | 6.8                 | 8.1        | 7.0                 | 3.3                 | 7.0     | 4.7     | 5.8                  |
| Total renters                                                                | 59.1                | 62.8       | 59.5                | 27.4                | 55.8    | 43.1    | 49.4                 |
| Rent-free                                                                    | 20.3                | 23.5       | 20.7                | 13.7                | 19.6    | 17.4    | 18.5                 |
| Total(a)                                                                     | 100.0               | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0               | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0                |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.



TABLE 30. LIFE CYCLE GROUPS BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS  
AUSTRALIA, OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1990

| Gross weekly income and characteristics<br>of income units                      | One-person<br>units<br>aged<br>under<br>35 | Married<br>couple<br>without<br>dependent<br>children,<br>reference<br>person aged<br>under 35 | Married couple with dependent children<br>and age of eldest child (years) |                              |         | Married couple without<br>dependent children,<br>reference person aged |                | One-person<br>units<br>aged<br>65<br>and<br>over |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                 |                                            |                                                                                                | Under 5                                                                   | 5 - 14                       | 15 - 20 | 55 - 64                                                                | 65 and<br>over |                                                  |
| Gross weekly income (\$)                                                        |                                            |                                                                                                |                                                                           |                              |         |                                                                        |                |                                                  |
|                                                                                 |                                            |                                                                                                |                                                                           | — '000 —                     |         |                                                                        |                |                                                  |
| 1 — 99                                                                          | 145.1                                      | * 2.0                                                                                          | 11.1                                                                      | 20.5                         | 8.6     | 12.7                                                                   | 6.7            | 19.0                                             |
| 100 — 199                                                                       | 349.6                                      | 5.3                                                                                            | 7.3                                                                       | 12.0                         | 8.0     | 23.0                                                                   | 27.5           | 504.9                                            |
| 200 — 299                                                                       | 281.3                                      | 15.1                                                                                           | 16.8                                                                      | 34.1                         | 28.2    | 92.2                                                                   | 241.8          | 132.2                                            |
| 300 — 399                                                                       | 381.5                                      | 16.7                                                                                           | 40.5                                                                      | 75.3                         | 38.7    | 69.4                                                                   | 147.4          | 31.1                                             |
| 400 — 499                                                                       | 358.5                                      | 19.3                                                                                           | 53.9                                                                      | 93.3                         | 49.5    | 63.5                                                                   | 55.9           | 14.8                                             |
| 500 — 599                                                                       | 200.0                                      | 27.7                                                                                           | 56.5                                                                      | 112.1                        | 41.9    | 51.5                                                                   | 32.5           | 8.1                                              |
| 600 — 699                                                                       | 110.3                                      | 30.0                                                                                           | 51.8                                                                      | 101.9                        | 48.1    | 35.5                                                                   | 9.9            | 5.1                                              |
| 700 — 799                                                                       | 51.5                                       | 34.3                                                                                           | 55.6                                                                      | 98.1                         | 50.4    | 35.6                                                                   | 18.4           | 6.5                                              |
| 800 — 899                                                                       | 25.3                                       | 43.3                                                                                           | 41.1                                                                      | 109.5                        | 48.2    | 31.1                                                                   | 5.4            | * 3.0                                            |
| 900 — 999                                                                       | 17.2                                       | 45.5                                                                                           | 24.7                                                                      | 79.9                         | 42.2    | 14.7                                                                   | 5.1            | * 0.7                                            |
| 1000 — 1099                                                                     | 8.4                                        | 40.9                                                                                           | 25.0                                                                      | 69.1                         | 36.0    | 18.5                                                                   | * 4.6          | * 1.4                                            |
| 1100 — 1199                                                                     | 6.3                                        | 26.3                                                                                           | 17.3                                                                      | 50.5                         | 39.0    | 11.1                                                                   | 6.0            | * 1.0                                            |
| 1200 — 1299                                                                     | * 3.6                                      | 30.4                                                                                           | 13.1                                                                      | 42.9                         | 28.3    | 10.4                                                                   | * 3.5          | * 0.6                                            |
| 1300 — 1399                                                                     | * 2.2                                      | 18.4                                                                                           | 11.2                                                                      | 31.3                         | 19.8    | 6.6                                                                    | * 3.9          | * 0.7                                            |
| 1400 — 1499                                                                     | * 1.4                                      | 8.4                                                                                            | 7.2                                                                       | 30.3                         | 20.0    | 5.6                                                                    | * 2.6          | * 1.2                                            |
| 1500 and over                                                                   | 7.3                                        | 31.5                                                                                           | 23.1                                                                      | 64.3                         | 70.1    | 25.7                                                                   | 12.1           | * 3.1                                            |
| Total                                                                           | 1,949.3                                    | 395.3                                                                                          | 456.2                                                                     | 1,025.1                      | 577.1   | 507.0                                                                  | 583.3          | 733.4                                            |
|                                                                                 |                                            |                                                                                                |                                                                           | — Dollars per week —         |         |                                                                        |                |                                                  |
| Mean income                                                                     | 367                                        | 924                                                                                            | 748                                                                       | 833                          | 942     | 628                                                                    | 423            | 214                                              |
| Median income                                                                   | 351                                        | 905                                                                                            | 680                                                                       | 762                          | 833     | 485                                                                    | 306            | 167                                              |
|                                                                                 |                                            |                                                                                                |                                                                           | — Per cent of income units — |         |                                                                        |                |                                                  |
| Principal source of gross income:                                               |                                            |                                                                                                |                                                                           |                              |         |                                                                        |                |                                                  |
| Wages or salary                                                                 | 78.5                                       | 88.3                                                                                           | 79.6                                                                      | 76.5                         | 74.1    | 46.8                                                                   | 4.2            | * 0.6                                            |
| Own business, trade or profession                                               | 2.9                                        | 6.5                                                                                            | 9.4                                                                       | 12.2                         | 13.3    | 11.4                                                                   | 2.5            | 1.1                                              |
| Other private income                                                            | 4.9                                        | * 1.1                                                                                          | 1.8                                                                       | 2.8                          | 5.1     | 20.7                                                                   | 23.5           | 16.7                                             |
| Government pensions and benefits                                                | 13.7                                       | 4.1                                                                                            | 9.2                                                                       | 8.4                          | 7.6     | 21.0                                                                   | 69.9           | 81.6                                             |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                                      | 100.0                                                                                          | 100.0                                                                     | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0                                                                  | 100.0          | 100.0                                            |
| Number of earners:                                                              |                                            |                                                                                                |                                                                           |                              |         |                                                                        |                |                                                  |
| Nil                                                                             | 17.0                                       | 4.2                                                                                            | 9.7                                                                       | 8.2                          | 9.1     | 35.3                                                                   | 88.7           | 97.3                                             |
| One                                                                             | 83.0                                       | 17.6                                                                                           | 50.0                                                                      | 37.6                         | 26.9    | 37.1                                                                   | 7.5            | 2.7                                              |
| Two                                                                             | ..                                         | 78.2                                                                                           | 40.3                                                                      | 54.2                         | 64.0    | 27.6                                                                   | 3.9            | ..                                               |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                                      | 100.0                                                                                          | 100.0                                                                     | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0                                                                  | 100.0          | 100.0                                            |
| Percentage contribution of government<br>pensions and benefits to gross income: |                                            |                                                                                                |                                                                           |                              |         |                                                                        |                |                                                  |
| Nil and less than 1                                                             | 84.5                                       | 92.5                                                                                           | 20.5                                                                      | 14.7                         | 42.1    | 70.4                                                                   | 17.9           | 11.8                                             |
| 1 and less than 20                                                              | 0.7                                        | 2.1                                                                                            | 68.1                                                                      | 72.8                         | 48.0    | 4.5                                                                    | 4.8            | 1.9                                              |
| 20 and less than 50                                                             | 1.1                                        | 1.3                                                                                            | 2.1                                                                       | 4.2                          | 2.6     | 4.3                                                                    | 8.2            | 5.0                                              |
| 50 and less than 90                                                             | 1.8                                        | * 0.8                                                                                          | * 1.0                                                                     | 1.9                          | 1.8     | 8.8                                                                    | 31.4           | 27.1                                             |
| 90 and over                                                                     | 11.9                                       | 3.3                                                                                            | 8.2                                                                       | 6.4                          | 5.6     | 12.0                                                                   | 37.7           | 54.1                                             |
| Total                                                                           | 100.0                                      | 100.0                                                                                          | 100.0                                                                     | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0                                                                  | 100.0          | 100.0                                            |
| Nature of housing occupancy:                                                    |                                            |                                                                                                |                                                                           |                              |         |                                                                        |                |                                                  |
| Owners                                                                          | 1.6                                        | 6.3                                                                                            | 13.7                                                                      | 28.5                         | 45.8    | 76.5                                                                   | 81.4           | 64.5                                             |
| Purchasers                                                                      | 5.5                                        | 44.8                                                                                           | 53.4                                                                      | 48.8                         | 41.4    | 12.3                                                                   | 6.5            | 3.5                                              |
| Renters — government                                                            | 0.7                                        | 1.4                                                                                            | 4.0                                                                       | 5.0                          | 2.9     | 3.4                                                                    | 3.7            | 7.9                                              |
| — private                                                                       | 24.3                                       | 35.9                                                                                           | 18.8                                                                      | 11.2                         | 6.8     | 3.9                                                                    | 3.2            | 5.6                                              |
| — resident relative                                                             | 33.6                                       | 1.5                                                                                            | 1.3                                                                       | * 0.2                        | —       | * 0.1                                                                  | * 0.3          | 3.5                                              |
| — other                                                                         | 8.1                                        | 4.6                                                                                            | 3.6                                                                       | 3.5                          | 1.6     | * 0.9                                                                  | * 0.7          | 2.6                                              |
| Total renters                                                                   | 66.6                                       | 43.4                                                                                           | 27.7                                                                      | 19.9                         | 11.2    | 8.4                                                                    | 8.0            | 19.6                                             |
| Rent-free                                                                       | 25.2                                       | 4.3                                                                                            | 4.5                                                                       | 2.1                          | 1.1     | 2.0                                                                    | 3.4            | 11.0                                             |
| Total (a)                                                                       | 100.0                                      | 100.0                                                                                          | 100.0                                                                     | 100.0                        | 100.0   | 100.0                                                                  | 100.0          | 100.0                                            |

(a) Includes income units whose nature of housing occupancy was not reported.

## APPENDIX A

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

The Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities was conducted in the period October-December 1990. The survey collected information on three distinct topics:

- income, collected both for the previous financial year (1989-90) and for the current period at the time of interview;
  - nature of housing occupancy and costs; and
  - a number of selected characteristics relating to the dwelling.
2. In addition, demographic and other characteristics of the occupants, such as sex, age and marital status, were also collected.
3. This publication contains details of gross weekly income and uses the income unit as the unit of analysis (see Appendix B for definition).

#### Scope of the survey

##### Geographical areas

4. The survey covered both rural and urban areas in all States and Territories.

##### Dwellings

5. The survey covered both private and special dwellings. Private dwellings are houses, flats, home units, garages, tents and any other structures used as private places of residence at the time of the survey. Special dwellings are hotels, boarding houses, construction camps, caravan parks, etc.

##### Persons

6. Estimates of the resident Australian population exclude:

- (a) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
  - (b) overseas residents in Australia; and
  - (c) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.
7. The following persons are out of scope for this survey:
- (a) boarding school students;
  - (b) persons in institutions such as hospitals, sanatoria, and inmates of jails, reformatories, etc;
  - (c) persons less than 15 years of age; and

- (d) persons aged 15 to 20 attending school full-time at the time of interview.

#### Survey design

8. The survey was based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings and non-private dwellings (20,378 in total) and covered about one-third of one per cent of the population of Australia.

9. Of the selected dwellings, 3,587 were found to be out of scope, e.g. all persons in the dwelling were out of scope, the dwelling was vacant, being demolished, etc. Of the households which remained in scope, 1,488 were excluded because one or more members refused to participate in the survey, while a further 634 households were excluded because one or more members had not provided income details. The final number of responding households was thus 14,669.

10. The following table shows the distribution of these households, and the number of income units in scope, across States and Territories.

1990 SURVEY OF INCOME AND HOUSING COSTS AND AMENITIES: NUMBER OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS

| State or Territory | Capital city |               | Rest of State |              | Total         |               |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|                    | House-holds  | Income units  | House-holds   | Income units | House-holds   | Income units  |
| NSW                | 2,205        | 2,940         | 1,362         | 1,702        | 3,567         | 4,642         |
| Vic.               | 2,024        | 2,695         | 850           | 1,047        | 2,874         | 3,742         |
| Qld                | 1,282        | 1,730         | 1,523         | 1,909        | 2,805         | 3,639         |
| SA                 | 1,377        | 1,742         | 480           | 579          | 1,857         | 2,321         |
| WA                 | 1,587        | 2,105         | 486           | 592          | 2,073         | 2,697         |
| Tas.               | 400          | 516           | 590           | 739          | 990           | 1,255         |
| NT(a)              | 138          | 185           | —             | —            | 138           | 185           |
| ACT(a)             | 365          | 471           | —             | —            | 365           | 471           |
| <b>Australia</b>   | <b>9,378</b> | <b>12,384</b> | <b>5,291</b>  | <b>6,568</b> | <b>14,669</b> | <b>18,952</b> |

(a) Separate numbers for capital city/rest of State are not available.

#### Data collection method

11. The information was obtained by trained interviewers in a personal interview conducted with each resident aged 15 or over in the selected dwelling, with the exception of full-time school students aged 15 to 20.

12. Persons with income from their own business who did not know their income were asked if the interviewers could call back when their records were available. Call-backs were made from February to April 1991.

#### Reliability of the estimates

13. The estimates provided in this publication are subject to two types of error.

#### Sampling error

14. This is the difference which would be expected between the estimate and the corresponding figure that would have been obtained from a collection based on the whole population, using the same questionnaires and

procedures. A measure of the sampling error for a given estimate is provided by the standard error expressed as a percentage of the estimate (relative standard error). In this publication, estimates with a relative standard error of greater than 30 per cent are preceded by an asterisk (\*). Appendix C contains a discussion of sampling error as well as giving details for calculating the relative standard error for selected estimates in this publication.

#### *Non-sampling error*

15. These errors can occur whether the estimates are derived from a sample or from a complete enumeration. Three major sources of non-sampling error are:

- (a) inability to obtain comprehensive data from all persons included in the sample. These errors arise because of differences which exist between the characteristics of respondents and non-respondents;
- (b) errors in reporting on the part of both respondents and interviewers. These reporting errors may arise through inappropriate wording of questions, misunderstanding of what data are required, inability or unwillingness to provide accurate information and mistakes in answer to questions; and
- (c) errors arising during processing of the survey data. These processing errors may arise through mistakes in coding and data recording.

16. Non-sampling errors are difficult to measure in any collection. However, every effort was made to minimise these errors. In particular, the effect of the reporting and processing errors described above was minimised by careful questionnaire design, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, asking respondents to refer to records whenever possible and extensive editing and quality control checking at all stages of data processing.

#### **Survey estimation and weighting procedures**

17. Estimates derived from the survey are obtained by using a ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by area of residence, age and sex, rather than to the area of residence, age and sex within the sample itself.

18. Each person in the sample is assigned a 'weight' which takes into account the person's probability of selection in the sample from his/her region, with adjustment to account for under-enumeration at the age and sex level.

19. These 'weights' were further adjusted to reduce the bias introduced by varying levels of non-response in different sub-groups of the population.

20. Because of methodological differences and response bias that remained even after these adjustments,

aggregates such as estimates for certain labour force characteristics differ from those produced from the Monthly Labour Force and other ABS surveys.

21. Income unit weights are derived from the person weights by taking the harmonic mean of the weights of each person contributing to the income unit. A harmonic mean or average is calculated by adding together the inverses of the weights, dividing the result by the number of contributing persons, and then taking the inverse of that result. This methodology reduces bias which might result from the attributes of individual members of the income unit.

#### **Interpretation of results**

22. As the estimates are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. In addition, estimates are subject to reporting errors. Although some respondents referred to their records, in many cases the answers to the questions on income were based on memory. Some understatement in the estimates may be expected because of imperfect recall or misunderstanding, particularly of minor sources of income.

#### **Scope of this publication**

23. In addition to the exclusions indicated in paragraphs 6 and 7 of these Explanatory Notes, income units containing any of the following persons are also excluded from the scope of this survey.

- Persons who migrated to Australia after 30 June 1990.
- Australians who were overseas for the full 12 months during 1989-90.

24. Income units which had zero gross weekly income have also been excluded from these tables.

#### **Symbols and other usages**

25. The following symbols, where shown in columns of figures or elsewhere in tables mean:

- .. not applicable
- n.a. not available
- indicates that no observations reflecting those characteristics were recorded in the survey
- \* estimates preceded by an \* have a relative standard error of 30 per cent or more

26. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Published percentages in tables are calculated prior to rounding of the figures and therefore some discrepancy may exist between these percentages and those that could be calculated from the rounded figures.

## APPENDIX B

### GLOSSARY

**Age of reference person** was classified according to the *reference person's* age at last birthday.

**Capital city statistical divisions** are defined as the six State capital city Statistical Divisions, the Darwin Statistical Division and the Canberra Statistical Division as delimited for purposes of the 1986 Census of Population and Housing.

**Dependent child.** Person aged under 15, or aged 15 to 20 and a full-time student, who has a parent/guardian in the income unit and is neither a spouse nor parent of anyone in the income unit. A full-time student aged 21 and over is regarded as non-dependent.

**Earned income** is income derived from *wages or salary*, or from *own business, trade or profession*.

**Earners.** Persons aged 15 or more (excluding dependants) who received *earned income*.

**Employed.** Person aged 15 or more, who in his or her main job during the survey week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm; or
- (c) were employees, employers, self-employed persons or unpaid family helpers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

**Gini coefficient.** This is an index for measuring inequality of income. The index, always between 0 and 1, is low for populations with relatively equal income distributions, and high for populations with relatively unequal distributions.

**Government pensions and benefits** include income received through programs of assistance to aged persons, incapacitated and handicapped persons, unemployed and sick persons, veterans and their dependants, widowed and single parents, families and children, and other social security and welfare programs. Family allowance and family allowance supplement payments are included.

**Gross income** is defined as income usually received per week at the time of interview before tax or any other deductions are made. It includes moneys received from *wages or salary*, *government pensions and benefits* and other regular payments such as *superannuation*, *main-tenance*, etc. It also includes derived weekly equivalent amounts of income received from *own business, trade or profession*, *interest, rent and dividends*, etc. during

1989-90. In the tables in this publication, gross income includes the income of both spouses in the case of married couple income units. The income of dependent children is not included in the gross income of an income unit.

**In the labour force.** Persons were classified as being in the labour force if they were *employed* or *unemployed*.

**Income units.** In this publication the unit of analysis is the income unit. Income units are:

- (i) married couple income units, i.e. husband, wife and dependent children (if any); de facto relationships are included;
- (ii) one-parent income units, i.e. a parent and at least one dependent child; and
- (iii) one-person income units, i.e. any persons not included in (i) and (ii) above. Non-dependent children living with their parents are classed as one-person income units.

Thus a household consisting of a husband and wife, two school children, a 21 year old daughter attending university full-time, an unemployed 28 year old son and an aged mother comprises four income units.

- husband, wife, two school children
- 21 year old daughter
- 28 year old son
- aged mother

**Interest, rent and dividends** includes gross income from interest on savings, bonds, debentures, etc., dividends from stocks and shares, net income from rental of a house or other property and net royalties. Income from these sources was estimated by deriving a weekly equivalent of amounts received from these sources in 1989-90. If a loss had been made from renting out properties, such loss was recorded as 'negative' rent, but set to zero when aggregated with income from other sources.

**Labour force status.** A person was classified as being in the labour force if at the time of interview he/she had been *employed*, or, if not employed, had actively looked for full-time or part-time work (*unemployed*). A person not employed and not looking for work was classified as *not in the labour force*.

**Mean income** is the amount obtained by dividing the total income of a group (e.g. one-parent income units) by the number in that group.

**Median income** is that level of income which divides a group into two equal parts, one half having incomes above the median and the other having incomes below it.

**Nature of occupancy.** For purposes of this survey, income units belong to one of four occupancy categories:

- (i) those which own their accommodation outright (owners);
- (ii) those which are purchasing their accommodation by means of a mortgage or some other form of finance (purchasers);
- (iii) those which are renting their accommodation or paying board (*renters*); and
- (iv) those which occupy their accommodation rent-free (rent-free).

**Net income.** Equals gross income less personal income tax (including the Medicare levy). Income tax was imputed according to the tax criteria applying in 1990-91, based on each income unit's income and characteristics as reported in the survey.

**Not in the labour force** are those who, during the survey period, were not in the categories *employed* or *unemployed*.

**Other private income** comprises income from *superannuation, interest, rent and dividends* and other sources. Other sources comprises income from items such as private educational scholarships; maintenance or alimony; and a trust or will. Income paid at regular intervals and received by a beneficiary under a will, settlement, deed, gift or instrument or trust was included. However, a lump sum payment from any of these sources was not included.

**Own business, trade or profession (including income from a share in a partnership).** Income from these sources was estimated by deriving a weekly equivalent of amounts received from these sources in 1989-90. Income was defined to be net of business expenses. If a loss had been made in 1989-90, income was recorded as a negative value, but set to zero when aggregated with income from other sources.

**Principal source of income** is the source which contributes most (the greatest proportion) to gross weekly income.

**Private income** comprises income from *wages or salary, own business, trade or profession and other private income*.

**Quintiles.** Twenty per cent groupings of the estimated population when income units are ranked in ascending order according to each income unit's income. Quintiles in Tables 1, 2 and 3 are based on all income units, while quintiles in Table 10 are based on all married couple income units, and quintiles in Tables 18 and 24 are based on one-parent and one-person income units respectively.

**Reference person** is the husband in a married couple income unit, unless he is away for the survey period; the parent in a one-parent income unit; and the person in a one-person income unit.

**Renters.** For purposes of this survey income units belong to one of four rental categories:

- (i) Government. Renting from a State Housing Department, Trust or Commission, the A.C.T. Housing Trust or the Northern Territory Department of Lands, Housing and Local Government;
- (ii) Private. Renting from real estate agents, etc. and private individuals outside the household;
- (iii) Resident relative. Renting from or paying board to parents or other relatives living in the same household; and
- (iv) Other. Renting from employers, unrelated persons living in the same household, etc.

**Superannuation** comprises income from regular payments made to a person or their survivors by a former employer, a superannuation fund, insurance company, etc. Any lump sum payment received by a person on their retirement was excluded.

**Unemployed** are persons aged 15 or over who were not *employed*, and had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks prior to the end of the survey week.

**Wages or salary** was defined as the gross income from all wage or salary jobs before the deduction of tax. The value of items such as payments in kind, employer contributions to board or rent, etc. were not recorded as income.

## APPENDIX C

### TECHNICAL NOTE ON SAMPLING VARIABILITY

#### Estimation procedure

Estimates derived from the survey were obtained by using a complex ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

#### Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants from a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that the sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of the estimates in this publication. Standard errors of estimates of population numbers (i.e. persons or income units) can be obtained from Table A. Standard errors of non-population estimates (e.g. mean income) are obtained by using the appropriate factor from Table B in conjunction with Table A.

#### Standard errors of population estimates

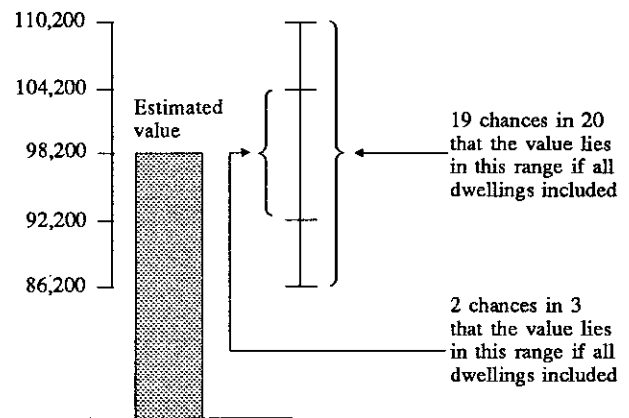
4. The size of the standard error increases with the level of the estimate, so that the larger the estimate the larger the standard error. However, it should be noted that the larger the sampling estimate the smaller the standard error in percentage terms. Thus, larger sample estimates will be relatively more reliable than smaller estimates.

5. As the standard errors in Table A show, *the smaller the estimates the higher the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. Only estimates with relative standard errors less than 30 per cent are considered sufficiently reliable for most statistical purposes. In this publication, estimates with relative standard errors of 30 per cent or more are preceded by an asterisk (\*) to indicate that caution should be exercised in their use.

6. An example of the calculation and use of standard error is as follows;

from Table 5, the estimated number of income units in the 35-44 year age group earning \$200-\$299 per week is

98,200. From Table A we see that since the estimate is between 50,000 and 100,000 the standard error is between 4,500 and 6,100. By interpolating we estimate the standard error to be 6,000 (to the nearest 100). Therefore there are about two chances in three that the value would have fallen within the range 92,200 to 104,200 if all dwellings were included and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value would have fallen in the range 86,200 to 110,200. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



#### Standard errors of non-population estimates

7. The standard errors of non-population estimates are obtained by multiplying the relative standard errors of the corresponding population estimates by the appropriate factor from Table B.

For example;

from Table 5, the mean gross weekly income for income units with the reference person aged 15 to 24 years is \$344. This estimate corresponds to an estimated 1,481,100 people in that category (also from Table 5), which has a standard error of 17,800 (interpolating from Table A), and hence a relative standard error of

$$(17,800/1,481,100) \times 100 = 1.2\%.$$

From Table B, the factor for the mean income of all income units is 0.9, hence the estimate of the mean has a relative standard error of

$$(1.2 \times 0.9) = 1.1 \%$$

which corresponds to a standard error of

$$(\$344 \times 0.011) = \$4 \text{ (to the nearest dollar).}$$

#### Standard errors of proportions and percentages

8. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the

numerator and the denominator. There are two types of ratios each with a different relative standard error formula.

9. For the first type of ratio the denominator is an estimate of the number of people in a grouping, while the numerator is either an estimate of some quantity for that grouping (a non-person estimate) or the number of people in a subgroup of the denominator group. The formula for this ratio is given below.

$$RSE\%(x/y) = \sqrt{[RSE\%(x)]^2 - [RSE\%(y)]^2}$$

For example;

from Table 1, 20.7 per cent of the third quintile of income units are married couples with dependent children. Since the quintile estimate of total income units is 1,597,500, the estimate of married couple income units with dependent children in that decile must have been 330,700. Hence the 20.7 per cent estimate will have a relative standard error of

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{[RSE\%(330,700)]^2 - [RSE\%(1,597,500)]^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(3.1)^2 - (1.1)^2} \\ &= 2.9\% \end{aligned}$$

giving a standard error of 0.6 percentage points.

Thus, there are two chances in three that the percentage that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey is in the range of 20.1 per cent to 21.3 per cent and about nineteen chances in twenty that it is in the range 19.5 per cent to 21.9 per cent.

10. The difference between survey estimates is also an estimate and is therefore subject to sampling variability. The standard error of the difference between two survey estimates depends on the standard errors of the original estimates and on the relationship (correlation) between the two original estimates. An approximate standard error of the difference between two estimates ( $x - y$ ) may be calculated by the formula:

$$SE(x - y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated (unrelated) characteristics or subpopulation, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest.

For example;

from Table 5, 291,400 income units with the reference person aged 15 to 24 years, and 108,300 income units with the reference person aged 25 to 34 years, earn between \$200 and \$299 per week. The difference between those figures is 183,100 which will have a standard error of

$$SE = \sqrt{(9,600)^2 + (6,300)^2}$$

= 11,500 (to the nearest 100).

Thus there are about two chances in three that the difference that would be obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey is within the range 171,600 to 194,600 and nineteen chances in twenty that this difference is between 160,100 and 206,100.

11. Table C shows the estimated standard errors of the upper boundaries of the quintile groups shown in Tables 1, 2, 10, 18 and 24.

TABLE A. STANDARD ERRORS FOR ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF INCOME UNITS

| Size of estimate | Standard error | Relative standard error (per cent) |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 3,500            | 1,250          | 35.2                               |
| 4,000            | 1,300          | 33.0                               |
| 4,500            | 1,400          | 31.1                               |
| 5,000            | 1,500          | 29.6                               |
| 6,000            | 1,600          | 27.0                               |
| 8,000            | 1,850          | 23.4                               |
| 10,000           | 2,100          | 20.9                               |
| 20,000           | 2,950          | 14.7                               |
| 30,000           | 3,550          | 11.8                               |
| 40,000           | 4,050          | 10.1                               |
| 50,000           | 4,500          | 9.0                                |
| 100,000          | 6,100          | 6.1                                |
| 200,000          | 8,200          | 4.1                                |
| 300,000          | 9,700          | 3.2                                |
| 400,000          | 10,900         | 2.7                                |
| 500,000          | 11,900         | 2.4                                |
| 1,000,000        | 15,600         | 1.6                                |
| 2,000,000        | 20,200         | 1.0                                |
| 5,000,000        | 27,900         | 0.6                                |
| 10,000,000       | 35,100         | 0.4                                |

TABLE B. RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR FACTORS FOR ESTIMATES OF MEAN AND MEDIAN INCOMES.

|                                                     | Mean | Median |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|--------|
| <b>Gross weekly income:</b>                         |      |        |
| Married couple income units                         | 0.7  | 0.5    |
| One-parent income units                             | 0.5  | 0.4    |
| One-person income units                             | 0.6  | 0.4    |
| All income units                                    | 0.9  | 0.9    |
| <b>Gross or Net income classified by quintiles:</b> |      |        |
| lowest quintile                                     | 0.7  | 0.3    |
| highest quintile                                    | 0.5  | 0.3    |
| quintiles 2-4                                       | 0.2  | 0.2    |

TABLE C. STANDARD ERRORS OF UPPER BOUNDARIES OF QUINTILE GROUPS

| Quintile | Gross weekly income (\$) |                  |                  |                  | Net income |
|----------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
|          | Married couple units     | One-parent units | One-person units | All income units |            |
| 1        | 3.9                      | 3.2              | 0.5              | 2.3              | 1.9        |
| 2        | 5.7                      | 4.0              | 3.2              | 3.0              | 1.9        |
| 3        | 6.3                      | 8.5              | 4.0              | 4.1              | 2.6        |
| 4        | 8.5                      | 11.9             | 4.2              | 3.5              | 4.0        |
| 5        | ..                       | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..         |

## APPENDIX D

### DISSEMINATION PROGRAM

#### 1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities

The dissemination program for results from the survey consists of three major components:

- *Publications.* A number of ABS publications have been designed to meet the needs of most clients. These publications are briefly described below and may be purchased through the mail or over the counter from offices of the Australian Bureau of Statistics in each capital city.
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- Unidentifiable data in computer readable form is available for clients to produce their own tabulations and conduct manipulations and statistical analysis of the survey data:
  - (i) for clients with access to mainframe computing facilities the data will be supplied on magnetic tape;
  - (ii) for clients with access to less powerful equipment, unit record data or subsets of the full data (e.g. specific to one topic, or one population group only) can be supplied on floppy disks to enable micro-computer processing.

Technical and other details of the unit record data, conditions of use, etc. are contained in

*Information Paper : 1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities, Unit Record File on Magnetic Tape and Floppy Disk* (6543.0)

The Information Paper is available free of charge.

Details of all publications from this survey, including a summary of their contents, are given below.

*1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities, Australia, Persons with Earned Income* (6546.0); released 14 February 1992.

Persons who derived some income from wages or salary or from own business, trade or profession at any time during the financial year 1989-90 form the focus of this publication. Details are presented on sex, age, educational attainment, labour force participation and other characteristics of persons, with particular attention to the experience of persons in full-year, full-time employment. Some comparative data from the 1986 Income Distribution Survey is included as part of the analysis.

*Information Paper: Output from the 1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities* (4136.0); released 5 August 1992.

Provides details of the type of data available from the 1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities.

*1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities, Australia, Housing Occupancy and Costs* (4130.0); proposed release date October 1993.

Contains data on weekly housing costs (rates, mortgage and rent payments) and relates these to such characteristics of occupiers as age, weekly income and principal source of income. This publication uses the income unit as the unit of analysis.

*1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities, Australia, Characteristics of Dwellings* (4133.0); proposed release date October 1993.

This publication focuses on some aspects of dwellings not often included in ABS household surveys. For example, characteristics such as availability and type of parking, inclusion of and type of insulation, type of energy used, number of bathrooms and toilets, are related to household type and composition, as well as nature of occupancy and housing costs.

*1990 Survey of Income and Housing Costs and Amenities, Australia, First Home Buyers* (4137.0); proposed release date October 1993.

This publication focuses on the characteristics of first home buyers and makes comparisons with other recent home buyers. It includes information on income, age, sex, country of birth, awareness of loan schemes and source of deposit and loan.

The publication, *Low Incomes* (6548.0) has been cancelled.

#### Related publications

Clients may also wish to refer to the following publications:

*1986 Income Distribution Survey, Australia*  
- *Persons with Earned Income* (6546.0)

*1986 Income Distribution Survey, Australia*  
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